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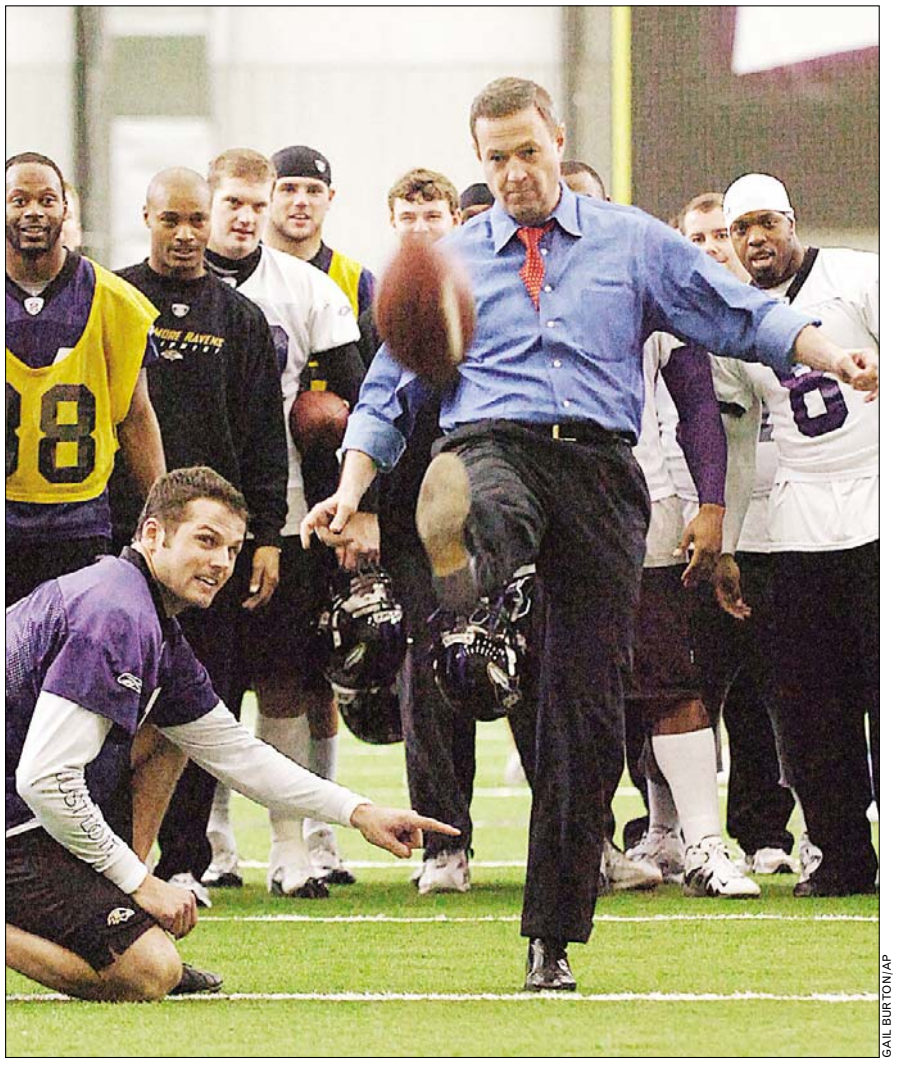
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Ravens Kick Off Playoff Push

UPRIGHTS CITIZEN: Maryland Gov.-elect Martin O'Malley kicks a field goal while visiting the Baltimore Ravens' practice Thursday to show support for the team. The Ravens host the Colts in a second-round playoff game Saturday. ✤ **Replay:** Ravens try to live up to a super heritage | **Page 15**

Poll: Most Object to Bush Plan

70 percent oppose decision to send more troops to Iraq

WASHINGTON | Seventy percent of Americans oppose sending more troops to Iraq, according to a new poll that provides a devastatingly blunt response to President Bush's plan to bolster military forces there.

All sides in the Iraq debate are keenly aware of mounting public dissatisfaction with the situation: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Thursday it is one thing on which all Americans — including administration officials — are united.

Yet the Associated Press-Ipsos poll found widespread disagreement with the Bush administration over its proposed solution, and growing skepticism that the United States made the right decision in going to war in the first place.

Just as 70 percent of Americans oppose sending more troops to Iraq, a like number do not think such an increase would help stabilize the situation there, the poll suggested. When asked to name the most important problem facing the U.S., 38 percent of those polled volunteered war, up significantly from 24 percent three months ago.

Iraq is a drag on Bush's overall job approval rating, too. That rating is at 32 percent in the latest survey, a new low in AP-Ipsos polling. (AP)

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Get ready for more airport ads. Not on terminal walls, but on those little trays you put your keys and cell phone in when going through security. The federal Transportation Security Administration has been running a six-month test of the new advertising method at Los Angeles International Airport. The TSA will issue formal guidelines Thursday to vendors that want to offer the ads at airports beyond Los Angeles. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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DRINKING GAMES

Also, All Cups Sold Must Be Un-Flippable

Target and Kohl's have stopped selling board games meant to be played with alcohol, USA Today reported. Target said Wednesday it is pulling "Drinko" — similar to the game "Plinko" on the television show "The Price is Right" — from shelves and its Web site. Kohl's made a similar move last month. "The only point of these games is to encourage dangerous consumption," said anti-alcohol activist Eric Helmuth. "Why would a family retailer want to sell games that expressly encourage people to drink?" Campaigners are now trying to get Linens-N-Things to stop selling "Shots and Ladders" and "Keg Pong." (EXPRESS)

CONSCIENCE

But He Felt Just Fine About the Cheerios

Eve and Steven Greene of New Port Richey, Fla., made a simple plea to the burglar who broke into their house: Keep the valuables but return the cremated remains of their 4-year-old son. "Just drop it off somewhere with a note on it," Steven Greene said. "And that'll be that." It worked. Someone left the urn containing the ashes of Zachary Greene at the end of the Greenes' driveway Wednesday, two days after it was stolen. Police said a man broke into the home, snacked on Cheerios and tracked mud all over the house as he filled pillowcases with about $10,000 worth of valuables — and Zachary's ashes. (AP)

OLEG NIKISHIN/GETTY IMAGES

GAMES

Ice Chess

In chess, take your hand off the piece and the move is final. But use bare hands in this game and it may be hard to finalize any move, as the pieces are made of ice. Maybe that's why Moscow chess team member Konstantin Savenkov had gloves on Thursday to handle the 1-meter-tall pieces — shaped like London and Moscow landmarks — in Moscow. The pieces are for a match Saturday between the two cities' chess teams; each will play its side of the game from a matching board in its respective home city. (EXPRESS)

TOM LOUCKS/AP

"We could skate here ... but let's check out the sewage treatment plant first."

ALTERNATIVES

Why Pay? I Hear the Sewer Froze Over

It's almost crunch time for Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., in its campaign to keep the stink out of a local rink. The Witter Field ice rink has a two-year-old, $196,000 warming house, but it also has a not-so-savory reputation for its late-season odor, caused by the dead grass underneath having gotten into the ice. One patron said he has to clean his daughters' winter clothes of the stink after they take trips to the rink. (AP)

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SEA ENEMY: After more than seven years of study, scientists have isolated a toxin they say may have killed millions of fish along the East Coast in the 1990s. Researchers said a toxin produced by a parasitic alga called Pfiesteria is to blame.

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In Brief

PAUL J. RICHARDS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

International Day to Shut Down Guantanamo activists protest on Thursday.

WASHINGTON

100 Guantanamo Protesters Arrested in Courthouse

About 100 protesters were arrested inside a federal courthouse Thursday after a brief demonstration calling for the shutdown of the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The group — which had a permit for a demonstration outside the courthouse — sang and chanted as they were led away in small groups. (AP)

WASHINGTON

NID Negroponte: Al-Qaeda Is the Biggest Global Threat

Al-Qaeda poses the gravest terrorist threat to the United States and an emboldened Hezbollah is a growing danger, National Intelligence Director John Negroponte said Thursday in his annual review of global threat. (AP)

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: In observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Express will not publish Monday. The paper will return to its normal schedule on Tuesday.

Bush Iraq Plan Draws Harsh Words

Sen. Hagel calls the planned troop surge a 'dangerous blunder'

WASHINGTON | President Bush's plan to send more troops to Iraq ran into a wall of criticism on Capitol Hill on Thursday as administration officials drew confrontational, sometimes mocking challenges from both Democrats and Republicans.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said in response that the administration might abandon the increase if the Iraqi government doesn't do its part, but he provided no timetable. "I think most of us, in our minds, are thinking of it as a matter of months, not 18 months or two years," he told the House Armed Services Committee.

Bush and top members of his national security team sought to rally support for the troop buildup a day after he unveiled his plan for a war that has lasted nearly four years and cost more than 3,000 American military lives.

Instead, Gates and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice found themselves embroiled in the first pitched exchanges in a battle that is likely to dominate Congress for months or longer and is already shaping the 2008 presidential election.

J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice takes questions from reporters about the details of President Bush's Iraq strategy during a news conference on Thursday.

"I think this speech given last night by this president represents the most dangerous foreign policy blunder in this country since Vietnam, if it's carried out," Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, a potential 2008 presidential contender, told Rice. While he is a Republican, administration officials were defending the plan for the first time to the Democratic-controlled Congress.

Bush, visiting with troops at Fort Benning, Ga., cautioned that the troop increase "is not going to yield immediate results. It's going to take awhile." TOM RAUM (AP)

No Rock-Star Reception

→ Soldiers who met President Bush Thursday applauded politely, but it was hardly an enthusiastic reception a day after announcing a decision to order 21,500 more troops to Iraq. | **Today, A Section**

IN The Washington Post

Pentagon Drops Active-Duty Limit

WASHINGTON | The Pentagon has abandoned its limit on the time a citizen-soldier can be required to serve on active duty, officials said Thursday, a major change that reflects an Army stretched thin by longer-than-expected combat in Iraq.

The day after President Bush announced his plan for a deeper U.S. military commitment in Iraq, Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters the change in reserve policy would have been made anyway because active-duty troops already were getting too little time between their combat tours.

The Pentagon also announced it is proposing to Congress that the size of the Army be increased by 65,000, to 547,000 and that the Marine Corps, the smallest of the services, grow by 27,000, to 202,000, over the next five years. No cost estimate was provided, but officials said it would be at least several billion dollars.

Until now, the Pentagon's policy on the Guard or Reserve was that members' cumulative time on active duty for the Iraq or Afghan wars could not exceed 24 months. That cumulative limit is now lifted; the remaining limit is on the length of any single mobilization, which may not exceed 24 consecutive months, Pace said. ROBERT BURNS (AP)

HEARSAY | STANCES

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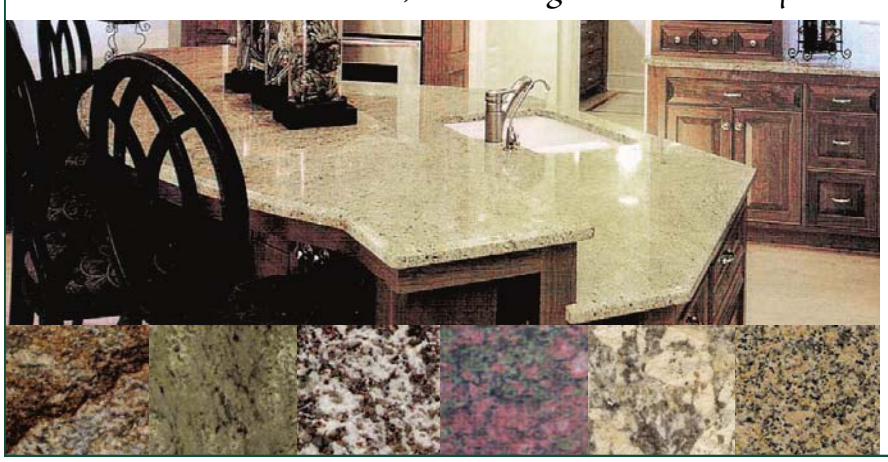

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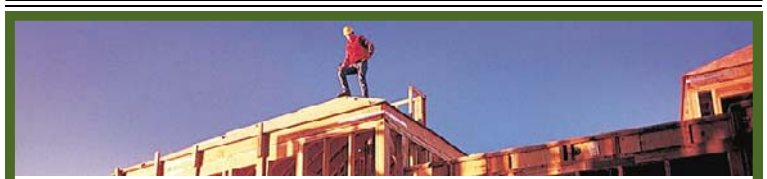

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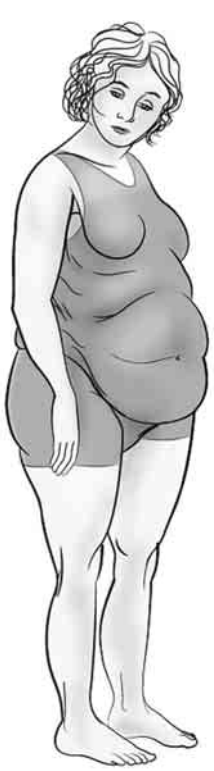

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PIZZA FOR PESOS: A Dallas pizza chain has been hit with death threats and hate mail after offering to accept Mexican pesos, becoming another flash point in the nation's debate over immigrants.

House OKs Stem Cell Bill

Measure expanding funding for research is expected to face veto

WASHINGTON | The Democratic-controlled House Thursday passed a bill bolstering embryonic stem cell research that advocates say shows promise for numerous medical cures.

But the 253-174 vote fell short of the two-thirds margin required to overturn President Bush's promised veto, despite gains made by supporters in the November elections. Bush vetoed identical legislation last year and the White House on Thursday promised he would veto it again.

The White House said the bill — the third bill of the Democrats' first 100 hours agenda to pass the House — "would use federal taxpayer dollars to support and encourage the destruction of human life for research."

At stake was whether research on cells taken from human embryos — considered by scientists to be the most promising approach to developing potential treatments or cures for dozens of diseases — should be underwritten with taxpayer funds.

The debate raises passions because the research typically involves the destruction of frozen embryos created for in vitro fertilization. It draws fierce opposition from anti-abortion lawmakers and like-minded constituents who believe their taxes should not fund such research. Proponents of the research said it is done on embryos that would otherwise be discarded from fertility clinics anyway.

ANDREW TAYLOR (AP)

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Sen. Dianne Feinstein speaks as other lawmakers look on during a news conference on the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act on Thursday on Capitol Hill.

Scientists Map Genes Of an STD Parasite

Researchers say bug infects 170M across the world each year

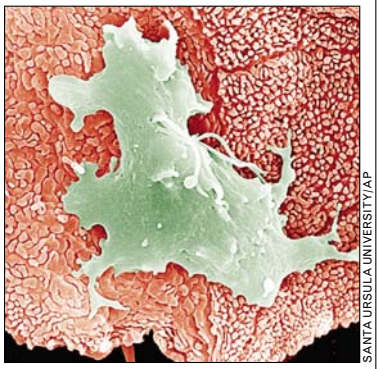
WASHINGTON | The tiny parasite undulates under the microscope like some creature from a sci-fi movie, but this one is all too real, latching onto the sexually unwary with tentacle-like probes.

Now scientists have mapped the genes of the nasty little bug that causes one of the world's most common, and arguably least recognized, sexually transmitted infections, one with the tongue-twisting name of trichomoniasis.

Researchers hope the work will bring new attention to a parasite estimated to infect 170 million people a year worldwide, including 8 million in North America — and one emerging as a player in the spread of the AIDS virus.

"There are a huge number of people infected out there, but they don't know it, so you don't know it," warned Dr. Jane Carlton, a parasite specialist who led the four-year effort by the Institute for Genomic Research to crack the bug's genome.

LAURAN NEERGAARD (AP)



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Trichomonas vaginalis parasites, green, adhere to vaginal epithelial cells.

Report Says Cold Medicine Risky For Babies, Kids

ATLANTA | More than 1,500 toddlers and babies wound up in emergency rooms over a two-year period and three died because of bad reactions to cold or cough medicine, federal health officials reported Thursday.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned parents not to give common over-the-counter cold remedies to children under 2 years old without consulting a doctor.

The deaths of three infants 6 months or younger in 2005 led to an investigation that showed the children all had high levels of the nasal decongestant pseudoephedrine, up to 14 times the amount recommended for children ages 2 to 12.

The CDC said it's not known how much cold or cough medicine can cause illness or death in children under 2 years old.

DANIEL YEE (AP)

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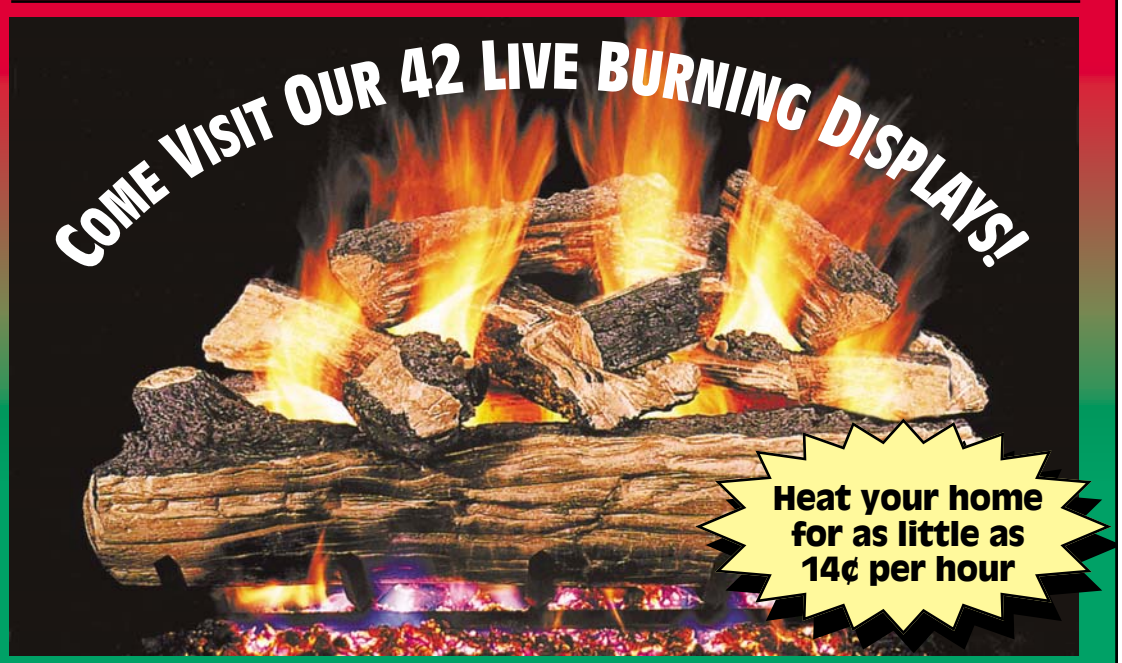

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GOP: Bush Would Veto Medicare Bill

White House says it will not back measure to negotiate drug costs

WASHINGTON | President Bush promised on Thursday to veto Democratic-drafted legislation requiring the government to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices under Medicare.

The House is to debate and vote Friday on the bill, which is one of a handful of priority items for Democrats who gained control of Congress in last fall's elections.

"Government interference impedes competition, limits access to lifesaving drugs, reduces convenience for beneficiaries and ultimately increases costs to taxpayers, beneficiaries and all American citizens alike," the administration said in a written statement.

Further, it said, competition already "is reducing prices to seniors, providing a wide range of choices and leading to a more productive environment for the development of new drugs."

Bush had already threatened to veto another of the top six bills Democrats are pushing across the House floor in the first two weeks of the new Congress. That's the measure, approved Thursday, to expand the extent to which federal funds could be used for embryonic stem cell research.

Several Democrats campaigned last fall as critics of the two-year-old program that offers prescription drug coverage under Medicare, saying it tilted too heavily toward profits for the pharmaceutical and insurance industries.

Currently, private drug plans negotiate how much they'll pay for the medicine their customers take. But the legislation under consideration Friday would require the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to do so.

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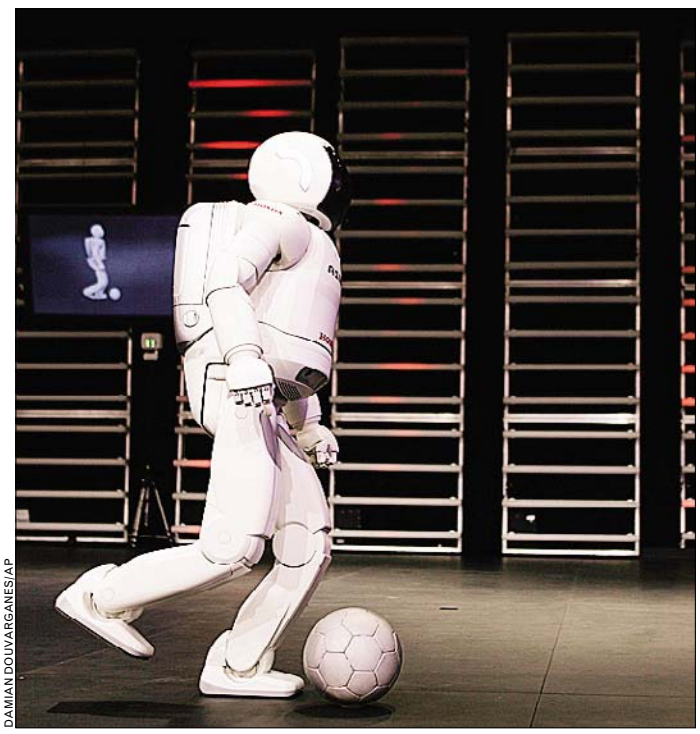


DAMIAN DOUVARGANES/AP

ROBOT, ROCK: Honda's Asimo, humanoid robot upgraded to be able to run, kicks a soccer ball as it makes its North American debut at the 2007 International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas on Thursday.

MAKING GOOD: Thirty-six years of suffering a guilty conscience finally proved too much for a German who shoplifted from a small store while on vacation in Norway in 1970. Seeking to make amends, he sent a check for $375 to the town of Lom, and asked the town to find the shopkeeper.

World

In Brief

AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Indonesian villagers hold a piece of the plane that disappeared with 102 aboard.

MAKASSAR, INDONESIA

Pieces of Missing Passenger Airliner Pulled Out of Sea

Part of a jetliner's tail, food trays and shards of fuselage were pulled from the sea in northeastern Indonesia, officials said Thursday, more than a week after the plane disappeared in a storm with 102 people on board. No survivors or bodies were recovered, but the news brought some comfort to family members of missing passengers. Three Americans also were aboard. (AP)

NAIROBI, KENYA

U.S. Official: Al-Qaeda Suspects Not Killed in Strike

Ethiopian and U.S. forces were in pursuit of three top al-Qaeda suspects Thursday, with a senior U.S. official confirming that none of them were killed in a U.S. airstrike and were believed to still be in Somalia. The official in Kenya, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said U.S. special operations forces were focused solely on tracking down the suspected terrorists and not members of the Somali Islamic movement that had challenged the country's government. (AP)

LONDON

Jury Picks Begin in Trial Over Failed Transit Attacks

Jury selection began Thursday in the trial of six men accused of trying to bomb London's transport network, with the judge telling prospective jurors they would be asked to decide whether the suspects had intended to kill — not whether religion could be used to justify violence. The defendants deny charges of conspiracy to murder and to cause explosions in connection with failed attacks on July 21, 2005. (AP)

Battles Erupt Along Afghan Border

NATO claims scores of insurgents killed in overnight offensive

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | NATO said Thursday its forces killed scores of insurgents who had crossed from Pakistan in the biggest battle of the Afghan winter, while Pakistan's army fired artillery at trucks supplying militants on the other side of the border.

NATO tracked the suspected Taliban militants through air surveillance while the fighters were still in Pakistan. Once they crossed the frontier, NATO and Afghan soldiers attacked the two separate groups with ground fire and airstrikes during a nine-hour battle that began Wednesday evening.

Gen. Murad Ali, the Afghan army regional deputy corps commander, said the insurgents traveled into Afghanistan's southern Paktika province with several trucks of ammunition.

Taliban militants last year launched a record number of attacks in Afghanistan, and an estimated 4,000 people died in insurgency-related violence. Afghan and Western officials say the militants operate from sanctuaries in Pakistan, but Islamabad insists it does all it can to stop them.

The overnight offensive in Paktika province was the first major engagement of 2007 and appeared to be the largest battle since a multi-day operation killed more than 500 Taliban fighters in southern Kandahar province in September.

Lt. Col. Paul Fitzpatrick, a U.S. military spokesman, said 130 fighters were killed or wounded in the attack, down from NATO's initial estimate of as many as 150 dead. The Afghan Defense Ministry put the death toll at 80. (AP)

A Perilous Crossing

➜ The Afghan battle came as U.S. and U.N. officials step up pressure on Pakistani and Afghan leaders to stop their bickering and gain control of their borders. | **Today, A Section**

IN The Washington Post

ALAA AL-MARJANI/AP

KILLING CONTINUES: Relatives carry a coffin in Najaf, Iraq, Thursday during funeral ceremonies for 11 people killed in an ambush.

6 Iranians Detained in U.S.-Led Raid

Iranian government office in Iraq's north site of reported arrests

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | U.S.-led forces detained six Iranians Thursday at a government office flying an Iranian flag, Iraqi officials and witnesses said, as President Bush vowed to isolate Iran and Syria as part of a new strategy to quell violence in Iraq.

The arrests in the northern city of Irbil — the second targeting Iranians in less than a month — drew condemnation from the regional Kurdish government and concern from Iraqi officials in Baghdad, who are trying to maintain close ties with both Iran and the U.S. despite the hostility between the two.

In Tehran, Iran's Foreign Ministry said it summoned the Iraqi and Swiss ambassadors and "demanded an explanation" about the incident. Switzerland represents American interests in Iran.

The multinational forces entered the building in Irbil overnight, detained the Iranians and confiscated computers and documents, two senior Kurdish officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Meanwhile, police reported at least 45 people were killed or found dead from bombings and shootings, including a 10-year-old struck in a mortar attack in the northern city of Mosul and 37 tortured bodies found in Baghdad.

Gunmen ambushed a minivan carrying Oil Ministry employees in a predominantly Shiite area of Baghdad, kidnapping six of the passengers and the driver after separating people according to their IDs, police said. KIM GAMEL (AP)

Election Delayed in Bangladesh

Head of caretaker government resigns amid violent protests

DHAKA, BANGLADESH | The president Thursday declared a state of emergency, stepped down as leader of Bangladesh's caretaker government and postponed this month's elections following violent protests by a key political alliance that has said it would boycott the vote.

The government also indefinitely imposed an overnight curfew on Dhaka, the capital and 60 other towns and cities.

The dramatic announcements by President Iajuddin Ahmed were the latest twists in a tumultuous few months marked by increasing strife between rival political camps that has left at least 34 people dead since October.

Ahmed did not say when the elections, originally scheduled for Jan. 22, would be held, and fears remained of further turmoil.

Densely populated and grindingly poor, politics in this country of 144 million people are so bitter that the constitution stipulates a caretaker government take over 90 days before elections — an unusual setup that led to successful, if violent, votes in the past. (AP)

World

HELP WANTED: Adopt a gargoyle. Sponsor a spire. Donating money could help to save the 800-year-old church where William Shakespeare was baptized and where he lies buried. Officials of Holy Trinity Church in Stratford-upon-Avon are urgently calling for $6.3 million to make needed repairs.

Hygiene Horrors at Italian Hospitals

Police probe uncovers filthy conditions at some medical facilities

ROME | Expired drugs, unlicensed nurses, stray cats and scuttling rats were among the horrors that emerged from police inspections of Italian hospitals that recommended possible investigations against more than 100 people, health officials said Thursday.

Health Minister Livia Turco promised swift action, but insisted that Italians could still trust their health system, noting the problems affected a minority of the country's hospitals.

Special health units from the Carabinieri paramilitary police inspected 321 of Italy's 672 public medical centers this week, reporting shocking instances of poor hygiene, officials said at a news conference at the Health Ministry.

ROBERTO SALOMONE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

HEALTH SCARE: Biological refuse is seen in the hematology department of the Polyclinic of Naples, Italy. Investigations have raised alarms on hospital practices.

Some 17 percent of hospitals, mostly in southern and central Italy, had problems serious enough to recommend possible judicial investigations against 111 people, the Health Ministry said. Thirty-six percent of hospitals were found to have administrative violations.

The investigation was ordered after a magazine report on one of Rome's largest hospitals showed images of corridors soiled with dog feces and garbage, unguarded radioactive material and workers smoking next to patients.

The police inspection found hundreds of expired drugs and reactants for lab tests across Italy.

Italian newspapers also reported that police found a colony of stray cats in the basement of Milan's San Carlo hospital, while rats were found in a Naples hospital, where bulldozers had to be called in to remove piles of garbage and medical refuse left in underground corridors. (AP)

Wealthy Russian Held in French Prostitution Case

GRENOBLE, FRANCE | One of Russia's wealthiest men, billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov, was taken into custody by French police in a crackdown on a suspected prostitution ring at a swank Alpine ski resort, officials said Thursday.

Investigators suspect Russian call girls were brought to the resort in Courchevel, a favored playground of Russia's rich, to work during the winter holidays, authorities said. Clients allegedly paid the women with gifts from luxury boutiques.

A total of 26 people were taken in for questioning Tuesday, Prosecutor Xavier Richaud said. As of Thursday, 15 — including Prokhorov — were still being held in Lyon, officials close to the investigation said. (AP)

GRAY AREAS: Vincent Gray is chairman of not just one government body, but two. The chairman of the D.C. Council was also elected to the head the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, an association of 21 jurisdictions in the area.

Local

EVAN VUCCI/AP

First lady Laura Bush, second from right, and other officials participate in a ribbon-cutting Thursday for the newly renovated Treasury Building in Washington.

Grandeur Is Restored To Treasury Building

Ceiling, skylights now uncovered and ornate room is refurbished

WASHINGTON | First lady Laura Bush went next door to the Treasury Department on Thursday and pronounced herself impressed with the remodeling at 1500 Pennsylvania Ave.

Mrs. Bush joined Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the completion of a 10-year renovation of the Treasury Building, which is the third-oldest government structure in Washington behind the Capitol and White House.

"All Americans will benefit by having this historic landmark preserved for future generations," Mrs. Bush said.

Paulson said a building housing the U.S. Treasury had been on the same spot next to the White House since 1800. But Paulson said that, at times, it would have been "helpful to be a little farther away," such as in 1814 when British troops, after setting fire to the White House, decided to torch the Treasury Building for good measure.

The current structure, begun in 1836, had not undergone a major renovation since the beginning of the last century.

The 10-year project, finished at a cost of $247 million, restored the buildings' lost grandeur by uncovering painted ceilings and skylights that had not been seen for decades and by refurbishing the ornate Cash Room, site of Ulysses Grant's first inaugural ball in 1869. (AP)

Investigation Into Metro Expanding

Federal officials now looking at derailments from the past six years

WASHINGTON | Federal investigators have widened the scope of their investigation into Sunday's Metro accident to include all Metro derailments in the past six years, Metro's interim general manager said Thursday.

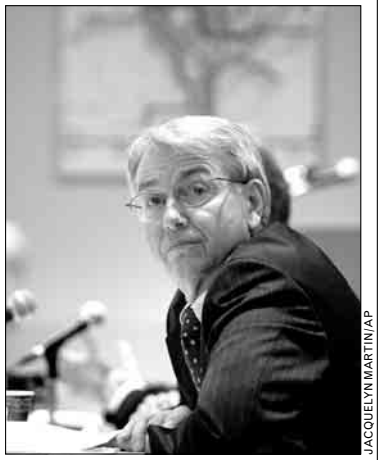
Jack Requa told Metro board members that the National Transportation Safety Board on Wednesday expanded its review to all derailments, including those not involving passengers, that have occurred since the subway's 5,000-series cars were introduced in 2001. The car that derailed Sunday, injuring 20 passengers, was a 5,000-series car, and cars of that type were involved in eight of the 15 derailments since 2001, though they only account for about 20 percent of Metro's fleet.

NTSB officials have said they planned to examine records of previous derailments of 5,000-series cars.

On Thursday, the NTSB released an update on the investigation, saying it was downloading event recorder data from the fifth car — the one that derailed. It also is looking at the fifth and sixth cars' braking systems, among other things.

The train's operator has provided federal investigators with a preliminary timeline of events leading up to the derailment. In addition, she has provided information about how the derailment was reported to emergency personnel.

The NTSB has said there were concerns about whether the emergency response was timely enough. (AP)



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Jack Requa, Metro's interim GM, met with the Metro board on Thursday.

BY THE NUMBERS: Mayor Fenty set forth 200 goals in a report released Thursday at the Reeves Center in Washington. The list is part of a 27-page plan developed and refined in the four months since he won the Democratic mayoral primary.

Report: Force In Deadly Arrest Was Excessive

MCLEAN, VA. | County police went overboard in using a SWAT team to arrest an unarmed man who was accidentally shot and killed by an officer in 2006, according to an internal review released Thursday.

The report from Police Chief David Rohrer determined the SWAT team was not needed to arrest Salvatore Culosi, 37, of Fairfax. Culosi died Jan. 24 after being struck in the chest by a single bullet.

The officer who shot Culosi, 17-year veteran Deval Bullock, fired his weapon by accident, the report said. Bullock told investigators that he did not realize he had fired his weapon, even after hearing the gunshot.

The report attributes the shooting to a "reflex-like involuntary muscle contraction." (AP)

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The Lotteries

Thursday, January 11

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	**6-2-9 (White)**
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	**1-9-8 (White)**
Mid-day DC 4	**4-5-0-1**
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	**2-3-7-1**
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	**9-11-12-15-27**
Daily 6 (Wed.)	**3-14-17-28-37-39 (17)**
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	**5-16-26-29-36 (5)**

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	**3-5-8**
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	**1-7-6**
Mid-day Pick 4	**0-2-4-6**
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	**9-4-1-5**
Match 5 (Wed.)	**9-13-17-19-31 (33)**
Multi-Match (Wed.)	**4-12-21-27-35-42**

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	**4-6-9**
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	**2-2-4**
Mid-day Pick 4	**8-3-8-8**
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	**8-4-5-8**
Mid-day Cash 5	**6-13-22-27-31**
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	**6-16-25-33-34**
Win For Life (Wed.)	**4-9-16-19-25-41 (23)**

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.)	**36-42-45-53-54 (36)**
Power Play	**x2**

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

How to Find Real Estate for 30% to 50% Below Market Value in 2007

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In just a few hours each week — less time than most folks spend watching TV during a single evening — you can learn to cash in with estates by following my easy-to-follow "estate mining system."

A single mom with three teenagers used my system to purchase the home she never thought she could afford. But when you get the property for half-price, that's what can make the difference.

In every neighborhood, it's possible that one or two properties, and maybe more, are in probate. You can find profit-making opportunities close to home. Even areas of town you only dreamed of moving to can suddenly become affordable when the price of real estate drops in half.

To Make Big Money: BUY LOW and SELL HIGH

Rest assured, I'm not talking about rundown foreclosures, bankruptcies, or condemned properties like the slew of so-called "real estate gurus." Properties in probate can be beautiful homes with no mortgage or debt attached, making them some of the cleanest and easiest of all real estate to buy low and sell high quickly.

There is no "For Sale" sign out front, and few people know where to find these properties. But for those who do, it can be a land of riches and the fastest route I know to making big money in real estate.

Why Such Incredible Bargains Everywhere?

Not every beneficiary wants to keep the property they inherited. Perhaps the estate involves people who live out of state and they don't want to change their lives. If a house is willed to more than one person, it's likely the property must be sold to ensure everybody gets their share.

Plus, most beneficiaries want their money quickly. Fifty dollars today is a lot better than the promise of $100 sometime off in the future. Especially when attorney fees are eating away at that $100 value. So you have highly motivated sellers who appreciate you're helping them get on with their lives.

Believe It or Not, a 300% Gain Can Be "All in a Day's Work"

The potential to make significant money is huge. For example, if you purchased just one property at a 30 percent discount, and then resold the property for 100 percent of its market value, you'd make about $45,000 on a property worth $150,000. And with my system, it may not even take a full week's effort to do this.

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How to Get the Cash to Buy Properties

In addition to learning why it's possible to regularly purchase real estate for as little as 50 cents on the dollar, you'll also discover it's possible to get the cash to fund your offers to buy properties.

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A gentleman from Dallas purchased 18 probate properties his first year.

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5. **NO COMPETITION**: Few people know how to find and purchase property from estates. That means **you have little or no competition**.

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BUSINESSES. CLASSIC CARS. ANTIQUES. ART. COLLECTIBLES. TREASURES OF ALL KINDS.

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One student profited 1,000 percent – 3,000 percent on the possessions he found in estates and then quickly sold online.

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Money

Landmark Katrina Ruling

Judge finds insurer liable, couple awarded $2.5M in damages

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DISPUTES: Stairs were all that was left of this Biloxi, Miss., home after Hurricane Katrina. Many homeowners have sued insurers over payment for storm damages.

GULFPORT, MISS. | A jury on Thursday awarded $2.5 million in punitive damages to a couple who sued State Farm Fire & Casualty Co. for denying their claim after Hurricane Katrina, a decision that could benefit hundreds of other homeowners challenging insurers for refusing to cover billions of dollars in storm damage.

A federal judge only hours earlier had taken part of the case out of jurors' hands before they awarded punitive damages to State Farm policyholders Norman and Genevieve Broussard.

U.S. District Judge L.T. Senter Jr. ruled Thursday morning that State Farm is liable for $223,292 in damage caused by Hurricane Katrina to the Broussards' home.

Senter's decision to make a directed verdict rather than let the jury decide the entire case appeared to surprise everyone in the courtroom. After he explained his ruling, Senter ordered a recess to give attorneys time "to get over the shock."

The Broussards sued State Farm for refusing to pay for any damage to their home, which Katrina reduced to a slab.

State Farm and other insurers say their homeowner policies cover damage from wind but not from water, and that the policies exclude damage that could have been caused by a combination of both, even if hurricane-force winds preceded a storm's rising water. GARRY MITCHELL (AP)

Cisco Sues Apple Over 'iPhone' Name

SAN FRANCISCO | Apple Inc.'s much-ballyhooed iPhone was unveiled this week after 30 months and millions of dollars in top-secret development. But the sleek new iPod-cell phone combination could wind up costing the company a lot more.

Cisco Systems Inc., the world's largest networking equipment maker, sued Apple Wednesday, claiming that Apple's iPhone violates its trademark.

Cisco is asking the court to forbid Apple from using the name "iPhone," which Cisco has held a trademark on since 2000 and used to brand a line of its own Internet-enabled phones that began shipping last spring and officially launched three weeks ago. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
LearCorp	31.81	+4.02	+14.5
StrideRt	16.86	+1.63	+10.7
BorgWarn	65.28	+6.28	+10.6
Vitro	6.01	+.54	+9.9
SixFlags	5.90	+.47	+8.7

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Hornbeck	26.14	-7.37	-22.0
Amdocs	35.70	-3.63	-9.2
CalifWtr	40.43	-4.11	-9.2
AlliedCap	29.40	-2.18	-6.9
Tidwtr	43.78	-2.72	-5.8

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
DayStar	3.07	+1.05	+52.0
SupTech rs	2.12	+.37	+21.1
GigaTr	2.97	+.51	+20.7
MarshlEd	4.60	+.79	+20.7
Iomai n	5.11	+.15	+3.0

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
TricoMar	30.00	-5.62	-15.8
AtlAm	3.18	-.53	-14.3
NatHlTre lf	2.00	-.25	-11.1
SyntroCp	3.40	-.41	-10.8
RestHrd	7.14	-.83	-10.4

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+72.82	+25.52	+8.97
+0.59	+1.04	+0.63
12514.98	2484.85	1423.82

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25
3-month disc	4.98	4.91
2-year	4.86	4.70
10-year	4.74	4.61
30-year	4.82	4.71

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5142	.5173	.5669
Canadian Dollar	1.1767	1.1760	1.1575
European Euro	.7759	.7730	.8243
Japanese Yen	120.44	119.60	114.05
Mexican Peso	11.0010	10.9790	10.5860
Taiwanese Dollar	32.76	32.75	32.07

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	50.35	-.04	+3.4
Allergan	118.03	+2.53	-1.4
AstraZen	55.08	+.83	+2.9
BarrPhm	52.64	-.45	+5.0
BrMySq	26.54	+.34	+1.9
ForestLab	52.86	+1.28	+4.5
Hospira	34.74	+.11	+3.5
JohnJn	66.73	+.58	+1.1
LillyEli	52.23	+.57	+.2
Merck	44.26	+.14	+1.5
MylanLab	20.86	+.27	+4.5
Pfizer	26.46	+.26	+2.2
SchergPl	24.25	+.51	+2.6
Sepracor	61.72	-.31	+.2
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Know the filing deadline for your business:
- Large businesses (250 or more employees): FEBRUARY 1st
- Medium businesses (100-249 employees), selected small businesses (less than 100 employees), and commercial property owners: MARCH 1st

These reports help the County track the success of your recycling program and plan for future recycling and waste reduction efforts. Failure to file your Annual Recycling Report can result in costly fines for your business or property.

Filing on-line is an easy and fast way to meet your deadlines.
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CYPRESS GARDENS ADVENTURE PARK

WATERED DOWN: Ski jumpers do the same stunts as before at Cypress Gardens Adventure Park, but some of the park's charm is missing since its 2005 reopening.

End of the Road

Florida's roadside attractions are now an endangered species

The mermaid dived straight down, and she didn't stop until she reached 117 feet below the water's surface.

Once there, she tossed aside her air hose and miraculously held her breath for the entire 12-story ascent. In a grave voice, the announcer asked audience members to hold their breaths along with her as a clock on a monitor ticked away the seconds.

I made it to 18; my nephew to 25; the mermaid, 2 minutes, 45 seconds.

The fewer than 20 people watching the show at Florida's Weeki Wachee Springs applauded with enthusiasm and relief. But with attendance numbers like those, it's impossible for the 60-year-old attraction to breathe easily.

It's not alone. More than 150 Florida roadside attractions have closed since the heyday of the 1950s and '60s. Victims of interstates that bypassed the two-lane amusements, changing tastes in entertainment and stricter government regulations, many of Florida's mom-and-pop sites are on the endangered list.

Historians use the term "vanishing Florida."

The situation has worsened since

LEON BEHAR

Not even mermaids are enough to keep roadside attractions popular today.

Sept. 11, 2001, said Luanne Brannen, a spokeswoman for Sarasota Jungle Gardens. After the terrorist attacks, would-be travelers opted to stay home, causing even the venerable Cypress Gardens to briefly close its doors. Some Old Florida attractions are banking on the current interest in nostalgia; others, such as Cypress Gardens, have added water parks and concert stages.

The fact that my family moved to central Florida from the Midwest in the '50s makes the decline of Old Florida attractions particularly poignant. But are they still showplaces? Or do they deserve to vanish? I recently made a visit back to find out — with my nephew Gene at my side for trips to Sarasota Jungle Gardens and Cypress Gardens, among others.

"Oh, my gosh, it's Frosty!" I exclaimed, sitting up front at the bird show at Jungle Gardens. "I know that bird. He was on 'Ed Sullivan.'"

True, the trainer said. Frosty, a Moluccan cockatoo, did perform on TV before the Beatles and is still riding a unicycle across a wire at the grand old age of 70-something.

A slim crowd — five blond Danish children, their parents and two senior couples — watched the show with us as Frosty and his friends did stunts in a wooden pavilion with wooden benches, not in an air-conditioned amphitheater.

I was feeling soothed that remnants of my Florida childhood still existed. "So," I asked Gene, "what did you think?"

"You really saw the Beatles on TV in the '60s?"

Things aren't the same in the land of pink flamingos. More than 150 Florida attractions have closed in 50 years.

The aquamaids no longer wear tutus and tiaras, the human pyramid on skis is only three persons high, not four, and the audience has to listen to a half-dozen endorsements before the show begins. But the Cypress Gardens skiers are still doing their signature stunts — barefooted, backward, over ramps and with a pair of wings.

Again, we were among a handful of visitors. The announcer gave a sappy "ode to the South" about walking and smelling this glorious land, touching every color of the candy store. My nephew's eyes rolled up; he winced in pain.

The park, closed amid a sharp tourism decline after Sept. 11, 2001, has been enhanced and rearranged since it reopened in 2005 as Cypress Gardens Adventure Park. Goodness knows it would take days to see and do everything, but something was missing. The uniformity and neatness of signs, walkways, snack bars and trash cans all had too much of a Magic Kingdom spit and polish. I missed fecund Florida, that touch of wild, untamable spirit and beauty, a picnic spot under a tree and not in an air-conditioned food court. I wanted to tousle its landscape somehow and not have every bloomin' thing in place. SUSAN HARB (SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Sports Weekend

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This year's Ravens defense — No. 1 in the league — finished with a plus-17 turnover differential and a team-record 60 sacks.

Better Than Ever?

Ravens' defense rivals 2000's record-breaking unit that won it all

RAVENS | Ray Lewis literally stood in the middle of the Baltimore Ravens' record-setting defense in 2000. Now he's the centerpiece of a unit that ranked No. 1 in the NFL this season.

No team in NFL history allowed fewer points over 16 games than the 2000 Ravens, who also set a league record by permitting only 970 yards rushing. The current defense, however, might be even better.

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Lewis, arguably the person best equipped to make that assessment, believes this defense has more versatility. But he won't register his final answer until the 2006 Ravens duplicate the success of the world champions six years ago.

"There are so many different things that we do as a defense right now, and that's why I don't want to compare us to 2000. Because of what we did in 2000, you're only judged if we go win a championship," Lewis said this week. "So, if we win this Super Bowl, then you can put us up there."

They've done it with style, too. The Ravens have allowed 201 points, lowest in the league this year and only 36 more than the record-setting defense of 2000. Baltimore finished with a plus-17 turnover differential, a team-record 60 sacks and was the first unit in franchise history to finish as the No. 1 ranked defense in the league.

The current unit has its own personality, but traces its roots to the 2000 defense.

"The heritage we have is there," coach Brian Billick said. "They recognize that."

Rex Ryan was the defensive line coach in 2000 under Marvin Lewis, who put together a 4-3 defense that recorded four shutouts and permitted one touchdown in four postseason games.

"It was probably the most elite 4-3 defense of all time," Ryan said Wednesday.

Working with a more athletic cast of players, Ryan has employed a 3-4 attack that has allowed only 264.1 yards per game, yielded an NFL-low 236 first downs and amassed 28 interceptions.

"Now we're kind of set up where up it's a mix of a lot of different things because of the athletes we have," Ryan said. "It's a little bit more creative than what we had in 2000."

So, which is better?

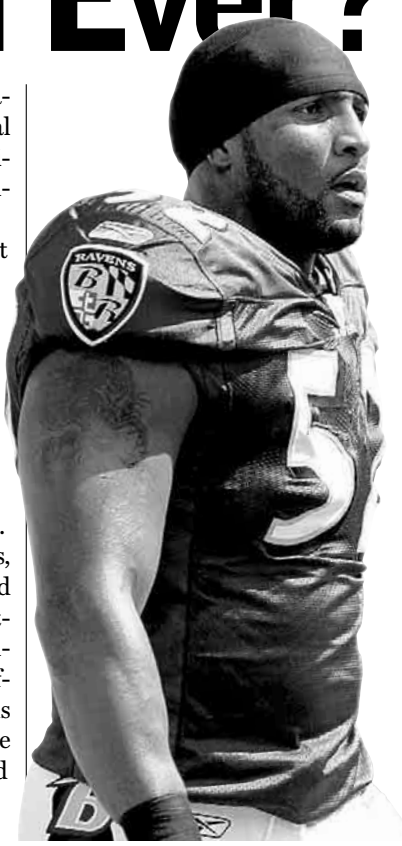
"I think they're both elite, both outstanding," he said.

The current edition is clearly agile. The tackles on the 2000 team — Tony Siragusa and Sam Adams — both weighed well over 330 pounds. Kelly Gregg and rookie Haloti Ngata are not as heavy, but are quicker to shed a block.

Plus, this defense has fleet-footed linebackers Bart Scott and Adalius Thomas, whom the Ravens are counting on heavily to hinder Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning in Saturday's second-round playoff game.

"They have changed the unit, but I think they know the type of player that they want," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "They've gotten very versatile guys: Thomas and Scott. Those guys are exceptional players. They can do a lot of things."

"They're really outstanding in all three phases of defense," Manning said, "so we've got a real big challenge." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)



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Linebacker Ray Lewis was the centerpiece of the Ravens defense in 2000.

TV Lineup

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Crystal Langhorne and the top-ranked Terps team play No. 3 Duke on Saturday.

➜ **LOCAL BALL:** Local hoops teams have a big weekend coming up. The top-ranked Terps women travel to play No. 3 Duke on Saturday (12:30 p.m. on FSN). Plus, Georgetown plays at previously top-ranked Pittsburgh (9 p.m. on ESPN) and the Terps men's team hosts undefeated Clemson — also on Saturday (2 p.m. on ESPNU).

Arenas

➜ **LONG WEEKEND:** Led by Gilbert Arenas, the Wizards keep rolling, but face a tough test this weekend with three games in four days. On Friday, they are on the road to play the Hornets (8 p.m. on ESPN), Saturday they play at San Antonio (8 p.m. on Comcast), and they get another afternoon game on Monday against the Jazz (1 p.m. on Comcast).

➜ **ONE AND DONE:** The Caps have it a little easier. They're down in Florida for the weekend and have only one game: Sunday against the Panthers (7:30 p.m. on CW).

➜ **PLAYOFFS? PLAYOFFS?** Divisional playoff action gets under way on Saturday with the Ravens hosting the Colts in the afternoon (4:30 p.m. on CBS) and the red-hot Eagles travelling to play the sentimental favorites, the Saints, at night (8 p.m. on FOX). Then, Seattle is at Chicago on Sunday (1 p.m. on FOX), followed by the Patriots and Chargers (4:30 p.m. on CBS).

NFL PLAYOFFS | **Saved the Wrong Date** A dozen guests have canceled plans to attend the Saturday evening wedding of Tara Chauffe and Corey Boland, and they didn't need to make up an excuse. For the first time ever, the New Orleans Saints host a second-round NFL playoff game. The game will be historic for Saints fans, even without the backdrop of Hurricane Katrina's devastation one year ago. "I cried all last Sunday," said Chauffe, 26, recalling her reaction when she learned football would conflict with her real life. (AP)

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Rex Is Everywhere

Chicago quarterback has been plagued by inconsistency this year

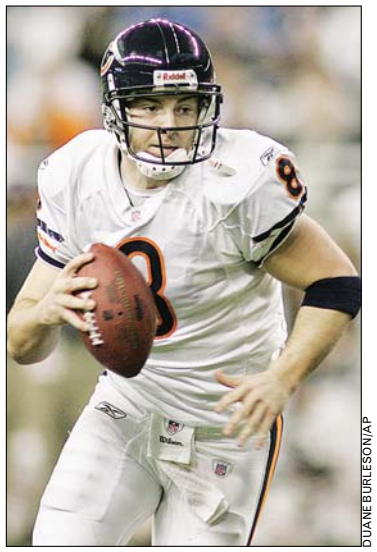
NFL PLAYOFFS | Rex Grossman turned over ticket distribution duties to his wife this week, is spending extra time at Halas Hall studying, and he's going to bed earlier than usual.

He's shutting out everything else, including his critics, and zeroing in on what will be the most important game of his career.

What everyone else thinks or wants or says is of little importance right now for the Chicago Bears' talented but erratic young quarterback. It's all about how he prepares and then how he plays.

"Everything you do is geared toward winning this playoff game and you think about absolutely nothing else," Grossman said of Sunday's game against the Seattle Seahawks.

Grossman's performances in his fourth year and his first full season have been all over the place.



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Bears quarterback Rex Grossman threw 17 interceptions in the last 11 games.

Against the Seahawks on Oct. 1, Grossman was on his game with 17 completions in 31 attempts for 232 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions in a 37-6 Bears victory. Grossman threw only three interceptions in the first five games this season. In the final 11, he was picked off 17 times.

"He's got a great arm, and he had a wonderful game against us. We didn't get any pressure on him in the first game. You get the rawest rookie — which he is not — to the veteran ... they're all capable of passing the ball," said Seattle coach Mike Holmgren.

Holmgren said he couldn't compare the paths of Seahawks QB Matt Hasselbeck and Grossman because he didn't know enough about Grossman at this juncture.

"But I know this: As a young quarterback in the league it takes time to get real comfortable playing the position. It's very, very difficult," Holmgren said.

As he has all season, when he threw 23 TD passes and 20 interceptions and passed for more than 3,000 yards, Grossman insists he's never stopped believing in his own ability.

"I've just had bad games. There is a rhythm, a momentum to certain games. Sometimes you get into it, [sometimes] you hit a couple bumps in the road, but never do I think you lose your confidence," he said. (AP)

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Patriots quarterback Tom Brady has an impressive 11-1 record in the playoffs.

Experience Rules In the Postseason

PRO PICKS | Tom Brady is 11-1 in playoff games as a starting quarterback. Philip Rivers is starting his first. That makes New England's trip to San Diego — five point favorites — on Sunday a mismatch at the game's most important position. **PATRIOTS, 20-19.**

➜ **INDIANAPOLIS** (PLUS 4) at **BALTIMORE**. The Ravens' middling offense can't possibly be as inept as the Chiefs were last week. **RAVENS, 24-22.**

➜ **PHILADELPHIA** (PLUS 5) at **NEW ORLEANS**. This game may turn simply on the dislocated elbow incurred by cornerback Lito Sheppard, Philadelphia's best cover man. **SAINTS, 31-25.**

➜ **SEATTLE** (PLUS 8) at **CHICAGO**. Rex Grossman is liable to be paying attention this week the way he wasn't in the finale. He's also likely to be on a short leash. **BEARS, 16-12.**

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WIZARDS | BY MATT SWENSON

Garnett Could Be Final Piece

THIS IS SHAPING UP to be a magical season for the Washington Wizards.

Not only is the team's preseason goal of reaching the Eastern Conference finals possible, but it also appears more and more probable with each victory.

There's no team in the East the Wizards can't beat — and their up-pace, high-scoring style keeps them competitive against the far superior West.

With such a promising outlook, Ernie Grunfeld, president of basketball operations, has two options: Go for it all now and make a blockbuster trade, or don't do anything and see how far great offense and chemistry will carry this group.

The odds are Washington will advance far in the postseason.

Doing nothing seems prudent. Gilbert Arenas is only getting better —a scary thought for the rest of the league — and this group plays very well together. The odds are Washington will advance far in the postseason.

That being said, there is one exception. If Grunfeld can pry Kevin Garnett away from Minnesota in a package including Antawn Jamison, he'd have to take it.

Jamison has been great for the Wizards since his arrival, and it would be tough to part with him. But Arenas and Caron Butler are untouchable, and the Timberwolves would need a star in return.

Garnett is still a force on offense and defense, and his thirst for a title might be the Wizards' missing ingredient.

If Grunfeld can't get Garnett, at least he knows the Wizards are already in fine shape. That's a good condition to be in.

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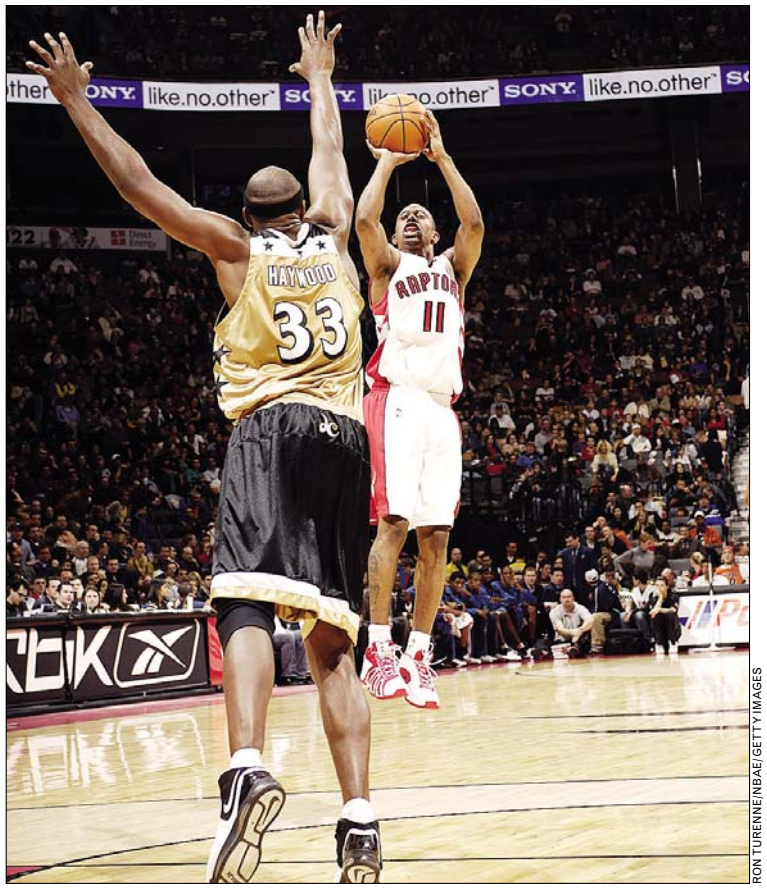

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T.J. Ford shoots over Brendan Haywood in last Sunday's Wizards-Raptors game. Washington's opponents are shooting 37.5 percent from beyond the three-point line.

Opponents Are Open Downtown

Wizards keep scoring but can't stop teams from behind the arc

WIZARDS | That's him in the corner. Alone in the spotlight. Draining threes on the Wizards.

There hasn't been much to gripe about during Washington's current run. Eddie Jordan's squad is 20-14, has won of eight of its last 10 and is comfortably inside the Eastern Conference playoff picture as it approaches the halfway mark.

But in between the irksome PA blasts of "Fergalicious" and the gritty bench play down the stretch Wednesday night, something became clear: No matter what it does, Washington just can't seem to stop opponents from behind the arc.

Opponents are shooting 37.5 percent from beyond the three-point line against the Wizards, making them the third-worst team in the NBA against long-range shot.

That trend continued in Wednesday night's 113-103 victory against Chicago, in which the Bulls were a blistering 13 for 27 (48.1 percent) from beyond the arc.

"Sometimes there's a misconception that we're bad defensively," guard Antonio Daniels said. "But when you score points, you're going to give up some points."

Washington (108.2 points per game) has been pretty good at getting those points back, shooting 37.4 percent from beyond the three-point line themselves this season.

On Wednesday, the Bulls were out of sorts on the inside but unstoppable from outside. Kirk Hinrich missed a pair of wide-open threes in the first half, but hit two contested three-pointers in the third quarter to help erase a 14-point Wizards lead.

"Sometimes there's nothing [you] can do," Daniels said. "This is the NBA: Guys can play. ... They're going to make shots over a hand."

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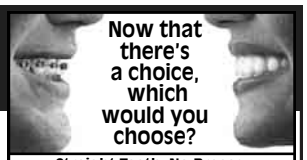

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Weekend | **Sports**

Hollywood Hotshot

Beckham set to join MLS's L.A. Galaxy starting next season

SOCCER | Roll out the red carpet, Hollywood. The David Beckham show is coming to town.

The most recognized player on the planet — fashion icon, tabloid fixture, marketing giant and husband of a former Spice Girl — is taking his game and fame to Tinseltown.

The 31-year-old former England captain agreed to a five-year deal Thursday to play for the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer, turning down a two-year contract extension from Real Madrid for a chance to lift soccer's profile in the United States.

FIGURE IT OUT

Beckham's MLS contract will likely be worth less than $10 million per year. Here's a look at the biggest contracts in other sports:

- **MLB:** Alex Rodriguez, Texas Rangers, 10 years, $252 million
- **NBA:** Shaquille O'Neal, L.A. Lakers, six years, $152 million
- **NFL:** Michael Vick, Atlanta Falcons, 10 years, $130 million
- **NHL:** Jaromir Jagr, Capitals, eight years, $88 million

"There are so many great sports in America," said the former Manchester United star, who has failed to win any major titles in the 3½ seasons since joining Madrid. "There are so many kids that play baseball, American football, basketball. But soccer is huge all around the world apart from America, so that's where I want to make a difference with the kids."

Beckham will likely have an MLS contract worth in the tens of millions but is estimated to earn $250 million over the next five years thanks to endorsements and marketing opportunities. He will become the biggest star to play soccer in the United States since Pele and Franz Beckenbauer played in the now-defunct North American Soccer League in the 1970s.

Los Angeles opens its season April 8 in Houston, but Beckham is not expected to join the team until August. His four-year contract with Madrid expires this summer. (AP)

Jones Is Terps' Marksman

It doesn't take long for the star three-point shooter to heat up

TERPS HOOPS | It was almost as predictable as it was unbelievable.

The Maryland Terrapins got the ball and swung passes around the offensive zone, looking for the open man. Inevitably, the ball found its way into the hands of Mike Jones, spotted up behind the arc in the left corner.

Swish. Then, Swish ... Swish ... Swish ... Swish.

On five of the Maryland's first six possessions, during their recent rout of Mount St. Mary's, the senior shooting guard drilled three-pointers from the exact same spot on the court. He had 15 points in the first four minutes and the Terrapins had a 15-1 lead.

"After that fourth shot," he said, "I told D.J. [Strawberry] that it's going to be a long night."

Jones finished with seven three-pointers and a career-high 29 points. It would have been even more impressive had he not worked the same sort of magic two weeks earlier when he set a team record with nine 3-pointers to lead the Terps (14-3, 0-2 in the Atlantic Coast Conference) to a 51-point drubbing of Missouri-Kansas City.

JONATHAN NEWTON / TWP

Senior guard Mike Jones drives to the rim against Iona last week. Jones said when teams start pressuring him at the three-point line, he'll drive to the basket more.

Of course, there will always be days when a long-range shooter just doesn't have the touch. In a loss to Miami on Wednesday, he shot just 3 of 11, still good enough to lead the team with 17 points. He also struggled in both of Maryland's other losses this season. Against Notre Dame, he was 0-for-5 from the field with two points. Against Boston College, he was 3-for-9 with 10 points.

Bad shooting nights will happen, but good players must adjust. And Jones is working to perfect a simple contingency plan. He figures opposing coaches will have to pay more attention to his extra-long-range attack and play him tighter beyond the three-point line.

"That's going to give me the opportunity to drive and dish it or just take it to the basket," he said. "I'm going to take advantage of whatever they give me." DEREK TURNER

So Simple, So Far

Top-ranked Terps are cruising heading into a showdown at Duke

TERPS WOMEN HOOPS | In the afterglow of a national championship victory, with fresh memories of cutting nets and hoisting trophies, Maryland coach Brenda Frese collaborated on a book.

It's title, "Overtime Is Our Time," was borrowed from a slogan she used to motivate her players — quite successfully — during last year's campaign.

She may have to revise that slogan, given the way this season has unfolded.

"Overtime? What's overtime?"

The No. 1 Terrapins (18-0, 2-0 in the Atlantic Coast Conference) are winning by an average margin of more than 33 points. They have victories by 55, 56, 58 and 61 points on their resume so far. Frese hasn't had to spend much time agonizing about whether her players would keep their edge with a national title already in hand.

"I sleep really well at night," she said. "I think most people would love to be in our position. It's a pleasure to come to practice and be with a team that's always so coachable and wants to get better."

ALAN DIAZ/AP

Sa'de Wiley-Gatewood (11.0 ppg) is one of six Terps averaging double figures.

Maryland returned all its principle players — and even added Tennessee transfer Sa'de Wiley-Gatewood. Six players average double figures in scoring, led by the team's only senior, Shay Doron, on the outside and junior Crystal Langhorne on the inside.

It won't be an easy path to another national title. It won't even be an easy path to an ACC title. The first big test comes Saturday when they travel for the first of two meetings with No. 3 Duke (17-0, 3-0). On Jan. 28, No. 2 North Carolina (18-0, 3-0) visits College Park.

"It's time for us to put it in another gear and get ready for what's to come," junior Laura Harper said.

Frese's teams have always been prepared. Selfless on the court and humble off it, her players show no signs of wilting under the pressure of expectations.

"Being No. 1 is definitely an honor, but I don't think it really crosses our minds during practice or games," Harper said. "Hopefully, it brings a few more fans and people who are excited to see us play. Other than that, it's just a number in front of Maryland." DEREK TURNER

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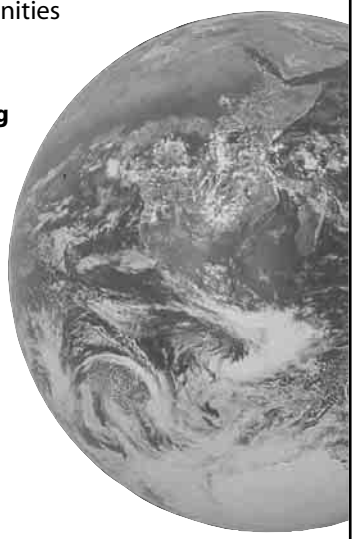

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Entertainment Weekend

TERESA ISASI

DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE? The magical satyr Pan plays the old "I have eyes in my hands" trick in "Pan's Labyrinth."

Fairy Tale Terror

'Pan's Labyrinth' is a stunning depiction of nightmares, Fascism

FILM | Guillermo del Toro has crafted a masterpiece with "Pan's Labyrinth," a terrifying, visually wondrous fairy tale for adults that blends fantasy and gloomy drama into one of the most magical films to come along in years. The movie bursts with provocative ambiguity that provides the stuff of endless debate over the story's meaning and even its outcome.

Writer-director del Toro is spot-on with every ingredient of his tale about a dreamy, bookish girl existing among two circles of monsters: the mythic creatures in her fertile fantasies and the more petrifying ones in her real life in 1944 Fascist Spain.

The film opens with a narrated prologue set in an underworld whose dark imagery sets viewers up for del Toro's seamless transitions from reality to fantasyland.

Curious about the land above, the underworld's princess leaves her realm and lives out her life among mortal humans, her father convinced that one day her soul will be reborn for him to bring back home.

Del Toro then presents a caravan of cars carrying young Ofelia (Ivana Baquero) and her mother Carmen (Ariadna Gil) to their new home in rural Spain. The widowed Carmen has married Capt. Vidal (Sergei Lopez), who has set up his military camp at an old mill to root out the remnants of anti-Fascist rebels in the surrounding woods and hills. Vidal is the ultimate personification of the evil step-parent.

Vidal has a simple hierarchy for his new family. Most important is his unborn son that Carmen soon will deliver. Next is Carmen, for whom he has superficial tolerance, mainly as incubator for the child that will carry on his name. Last is Ofelia, at whom he glowers as though she were a runt kitten he might drown in a canvas sack.

With her mother ailing and preoccupied, Ofelia finds human solace only with Vidal's capable, motherly but secretive housekeeper, Mercedes (Maribel Verdu).

Yet another world beckons. In the ruins of an ancient labyrinth ornamented with pagan images, Ofelia meets the satyr Pan (Doug Jones), a horned, hooved creature who tells her she is the princess of the underworld and must perform three tasks to return to her real father and the splendor of his kingdom. Aided by tiny flying fairies, Ofelia obediently carries out her assignments, which include facing a giant, repugnant toad and a pale ogre (Jones again) that devours children.

"Pan's Labyrinth" alternately haunts and consoles, intimidates and exhilarates, as all great fairy tales should.

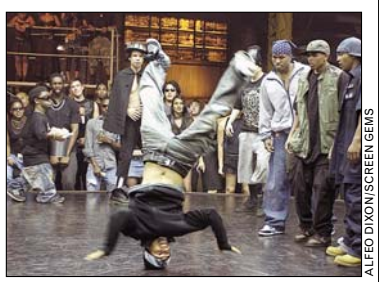
DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

Shake It Like a Polaroid

The dancing's great, but 'Stomp the Yard' steps into formula

FILM | The rhythmic step dancing is infectious in "Stomp the Yard," an otherwise formulaic underdog flick — so much so, you'll want to see more of it and less of a plot. It's good enough to make you wish that director Sylvain White had taken a documentary approach instead, something along the lines of David LaChapelle's 2005 film "Rize," about the rigorous, gravity-defying street dance styles of krumping and clowning.

Instead, White's movie focuses on young, surly DJ (Columbus Short), who moves to Atlanta from Los Angeles after his younger brother is fatally shot in a fight. There he attends the fictional, historically black Truth University, where the fraternities and their step competitions dominate the social scene. DJ's raw moves cause the school's top two houses to compete over him, and although he initially balks, he eventually gives in, is broken down and built back up as a better man.



ALFEO DIXON/SCREEN GEMS

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO: "Stomp the Yard" has wicked-cool dance scenes.

Short's performance is surprisingly free of melodrama, but the script itself isn't; the overlong ending grows increasingly ridiculous with its twists and coincidences.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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HE'S BRINGING TATTOOS BACK: Justin Timberlake lets out his inner dawg.

This 'Dog' Has Bite

'Alpha Dog' is a dark, violent tale of So. Cal. rich kids gone nuts

FILM | The characters in "Alpha Dog" aren't likable. They're bored, white kids with too much money and time on their hands and, in their shallow estimation, they have nothing better to do than get high, play video games and emulate rap stars. But they feel real and alive in the hands of writer-director Nick Cassavetes, whose story of drugs, kidnapping and murder is inspired by a 1999 Southern California case.

The situations become shrill, overlong and a bit repetitive, but they also grow increasingly volatile, which allows for vibrant performances from a hot, young cast.

Justin Timberlake is surprisingly good as one of the kidnappers. His character, Frankie, shares a unexpected bond with the doomed 15-year-old victim, Zack (Anton Yelchin), who doesn't think he's a victim and is thrilled to be hanging out with the cool kids for once.

Zack's older brother, the jittery speed freak Jake (Ben Foster), owes pot dealer Johnny Truelove (Emile Hirsch) about $1,200. He doesn't have the money and can't get it. This sets off a destructive battle between the hotheaded Jake and Johnny and their trash-talking minions. To get back at Jake for breaking into Johnny's house, Johnny, Frankie and their friends kidnap Zack, whom they happen to see walking angrily down the street after a fight with his parents. The wholesome boy is happy to go along for the ride as they drag him along to Palm Springs for a weekend of partying. He thinks he is their "dog," and that these guys are his. But as Johnny and his friends realize how much trouble they could be in, Zack becomes an unsuspecting target.

"Alpha Dog" calls to mind other tense dramas like "A Simple Plan," movies in which regular people make one bad decision, then another and another, until they're completely in over their heads in trouble and find themselves taking drastic actions. The idea may sound melodramatic, but the result has a realistic bite. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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It's just another day in "24," which explodes into its sixth season with all the usual tricks in four thrilling-as-ever opening hours Sunday and Monday (Fox 8 p.m., both nights).

But not all is the same with the dramatic serial, beginning with its main character.

A 20-month imprisonment in China has left Jack (Kiefer Sutherland, who only sports that devil-beard momentarily) emotionally and physically scarred. It seems almost two years of being tortured has made Jack a little soft by his standards. (He still manages to go Dracula-style on one baddie's neck.)

Returnee Wayne Palmer (D.B. Woodside), brother and ex-chief of staff to slain President David Palmer, is now commander in chief in the midst of a three-week stretch of terrorist bombings throughout the U.S.

Tech-genius Chloe (Mary Lynn Rajskub) is still at Counter Terrorist Unit (CTU), though in the biggest news of all, she's now a brunette and running interference between old flame Milo (Eric Balfour, back from season one) and current love Morris (Carlo Rota). Bill Buchanan (James Morrison) and Karen Hayes (Jayne Atkinson) are also back on the show — just with a slightly different relationship than when we last saw them.

KELSEY MCNEAL/FOX

BARBICIDE: Kiefer Sutherland quickly sheds the facial hair in the new season of "24."

Series newbies include "Ally McBeal's" Peter MacNicol as a deliciously sleazy presidential adviser, Regina King as the president's sister and the wildly underrated Alexander Siddig ("Star Trek: Deep Space Nine") as a terrorist-gone-good working with Jack.

Never fear — some things never change. The show continues to tackle social issues with the same subtlety as a dull blade Jack would use to torture a suspect. Information privacy and racial profiling are the daily double this season.

Also, staying in last year's kill-all-the-stars motif, one regular bites the dust in the first four hours.

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MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

Fertile Ground used to pack the Black Cat between international touring stints, but now it's pretty much all about the **9:30 CLUB** for our friends from Baltimore. Raheem Devaughn has performed with the group before, so tonight is almost like a reunion. Rounding out the bill is Anthony David, a bluesy journeyman singer whose "Red Clay Chronicles" album is finally raising his level of buzz.

Northern Virginia's always had its share of '80s cover bands. Beyond the stonewashed denim and crimped hair, though, the real question is: Will they get you pumping your fist and singing along to "I Think We're Alone Now"? Members Only does a pretty good job with songs like "New Sensation" on their MySpace page, so we'll give them the benefit of the doubt. The band's playing at **HERNDON'S CARPOOL** tonight at 9:30 p.m., but you can always arrive early for happy hour, which runs from 4 to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Keyboardist Will Rast has great jazz chops, but he can also be found backing soul and hip-hop acts from the U Street scene, holding down fusion groups at Bossa or touring with R&B star Mya. He's now spending time on his own work and touring with a quartet in support of his first album as a leader. Catch him at **BOHEMIAN CAVERNS** tonight.

SUNDAY

Taint returns to **DC9** with a live performance by DynastyHandbag, a provocative New York electro artist. Check out the really creepy video for "Break Up Day" on her Web site. Doors open at 9 p.m. and the damage is $3.

Handbag

Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend wraps up with Reaction '07, a late-night **9:30 CLUB** dance party featuring veteran DJ Warren Gluck. Expect anthemic vocals and plenty of dark house. Doors open at 10 p.m.and the party runs until 6 a.m. Tickets are $30 in advance from the Leather Rack or Lambda Rising, or $40 at the door.

What's a holiday weekend without a go-go blowout at **ZANZIBAR**? Chuck Brown, L!ssen and the W.H.A.T.?! Band crank you up right before No Work/No School Monday.

Actually, it's not a true holiday weekend unless you have a go-go blowout *and* a Mad Power Unit party. Those promoters have their "We Run D.C." brand on two events in one night. You can groove to Love resident DJ Ben Hameen mixing hip-hop, dancehall and classics at **K STREET LOUNGE** or hang out with Raheem Devaughn — a cat who takes his hosting game almost as seriously as his stage show — at **PLAY**.

At **THE HARD ROCK CAFE**, E.U. and Sugar Bear are leading "A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." with funky go-go and R&B. Also on the bill is Lady Rhythm, a promising local female group featuring vocals from Sweet Cherie. Tickets benefit the Martin Luther King Memorial Foundation. Admission is $25 in advance from Hobo and Alldaz, and VIP tickets cost $100; 202-437-2748 has more information.

The cozy little **TEMPERANCE HALL** in Petworth celebrates its one-year anniversary beginning at 7 p.m. We'll admit we weren't sure if the place was going to survive in such a transitioning neighborhood, but we will be glad to mark the occasion with $3 draft beers, giveaways and little bowls of those amazing spicy peanuts. Look for us by the basement jukebox.

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Sugar Bear and E.U. get funky in King's memory at the Hard Rock Cafe.

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APOCALYPTO (R, 135 minutes) Mel Gibson's new film is set in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula in vaguely pre-Columbian times, in that seemingly endless epoch when the mighty Mayan city-states ruled supreme. Our hero is one Jaguar Paw (brilliant Rudy Youngblood), of an indigenous forest people who live happy, simple lives. But one morning, the Mayas arrive in force. The results are not pretty. You can see where this is going, but that doesn't really prevent you from enjoying it immensely. (SH)

BABEL (R, 142 minutes) Director Alejandro González Iñárritu and writer Guillermo Arriaga tell multiple stories in multiple locations around the globe. Each tale is completely compelling on its own, and Iñárritu also proves superb at working with amateur actors. Yet as sophisticated a piece of filmmaking as it is, it seems hamstrung by the banality at its center and it never assembles into a satisfying whole. (SH)

BLACK CHRISTMAS (R, 84 minutes) We learn in cheesy 1970s and 1980s flashbacks how psychotic killer William Edward Lenz, or Billy, came to be his evil self. These little golden moments from Billy's past are intercut with the contemporary story in which Billy (Robert Mann) escapes from a prison for the criminally insane and stalks a group of sorority sisters. Horror movie audiences will be roundly disappointed by this movie's conventional tactics. (DT)

BLOOD DIAMOND (R, 125 minutes) Pounding action, pulse-quickening adventure and of-the-moment politics animate this mostly great thriller starring Leonardo DiCaprio. He plays a smuggler named who finds himself a mercenary middleman between rebels in Sierra Leone and European diamond merchants. Things get out of hand during the last half-hour, but the movie is a gem. (AH)

BORAT: CULTURAL LEARNINGS OF AMERICA FOR MAKE BENEFIT GLORIOUS NATION OF KAZAKHSTAN (R, 89 minutes) Borat, played with seamless disingenuousness by Sacha Baron Cohen, has come to America to make a feature-length documentary for the people of his home country. As Borat cuts his wide and occasionally vicious swath, no petard goes unhoisted. It's a spectacle that delivers squeals, howls or at least low-level chuckles. The movie is a perfect combination of slapstick and satire. (AH)

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WORKING A BORING OFFICE JOB SUDDENLY SEEMS LIKE FUN: Clive Owen plays a disillusioned bureaucrat who saves mankind in the sci-fi thriller "Children of Men."

CASINO ROYALE (PG-13, 140 minutes) Reinventing James Bond as a kind of Navy SEAL with an attitude problem, this movie turns out to be cracking good entertainment. Daniel Craig kicks major maximus as a Bond who'd never use a computer where a punch will do. And he is seemingly the first Bond to actually bleed. Half an hour too long and with too many villains, the movie nevertheless proves you seldom go wrong if you make a movie that leaves you stirred, not shaken. (SH)

CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G, 98 minutes) E.B. White's children's book starring Wilbur the curly-tailed runt, his human friend, Fern and spider Charlotte has been charming kids into bed forever. Those kids and their children can rest assured that the movie shares their reverence. The performers, at times, sound as if they're doing a casual read-through before the actual show — but their relaxed spirit is subtly satisfying. (DT)

CHILDREN OF MEN (R, 106 minutes) This audacious, sweeping, sobering and exhilarating film stars Clive Owen as a bureaucrat in 2027 London, the last outpost of the closest thing to civilization in a world gripped by pandemic infertility and a worldwide immigration crisis. When Owen's character, Theo, is pulled back into his activist past by his former lover he embarks on an epic chase adventure in which the motivation is nothing less than the survival of the human race. (AH)

CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13, 84 minutes) In this by-the-numbers action comedy, stand-up comedian Cedric the Entertainer plays a humble janitor who awakes one day in a strange hotel room with a dead guy at his side; he's lost his memory and spends the rest of the movie trying to figure out why he's apparently involved with two women (Nicollette Sheridan and Lucy Liu), why he keeps having flashbacks of being an elite spy and why the FBI is after him. Aside from Cedric's admittedly appealing persona, there's absolutely nothing to recommend this movie. (AH)

CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R, 114 minutes) Zhang Yimou's film is a kind of feast, kitschy and grand all at once. The great Chow Yun Fat plays the Emperor Ping, home from the wars at last, eager to lose himself in the bosom of his family. Except that everyone is busy plotting against one another. The emperor's wife (Gong Li) has a grudge against him: He's slowly killing her with poison. The movie substitutes spectacle for emotional intimacy, and Chow has been better. But that all but concedes the film to Gong, who gives a grand, operatic performance. (SH)

DEJA VU (PG-13, 128 minutes) ATF agent Doug Carlin (Denzel Washington) goes back in time to unravel a crime. The movie attempts to explain the "science" behind the movie's time-jumping, but in a drama that's contemporary and supposedly realistic, it comes off as cockamamie. (DT)

THE DEPARTED (R, 149 minutes) A deranged wit runs through this film, which finds Martin Scorsese up to his same old tricks of exploring an American ethnic subculture with frequent detours into carnage and mayhem. Scorsese plumbs the colorful depths of the Irish mob in Boston. The movie crackles right along, stopping only for Scorsese's signature bursts of explosive violence. (AH)

DREAMGIRLS (PG-13, 131 minutes) "Dreamgirls" arrives with more than its share of baggage; the hit Broadway musical, which opened in 1981, is such a cherished icon that it's taken 25 years for it to be made into a movie. But even with Jennifer Hudson's triumphant arrival and an overall fizzy mood of singing, dancing,

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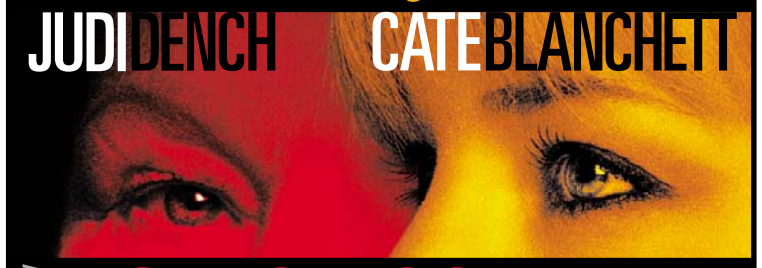

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pop nostalgia and camp, "Dreamgirls" is an uneven crowd pleaser. With a promising director (Bill Condon, who wrote "Chicago") and a dazzling cast that includes Beyonce Knowles, Jamie Foxx and Eddie Murphy, the movie not only looks good on paper; it looks great on-screen, too. But it also often sags when it should sparkle and lags when it should go lickety-split. (AH)

ERAGON (PG, 99 minutes) In the gorgeous middle earth that is Alagaesia, the evil Galbatorix (John Malkovich) has destroyed all the dragon riders and taken over. Meanwhile, a young beauty played dimly by Sienna Guillory escapes from his castle with the last dragon egg, which she manages to deliver to farm boy-archer Eragon, fated to be the new dragon rider. After the bad acting by the slumming great actors, the next best thing in the picture is the dragon. (SH)

FLUSHED AWAY (PG, 87 minutes) This first computer-generated cartoon by Aardman Animations — best known for Nick Park's brilliant "Wallace & Gromit" franchise — does away with the clay but leaves the craft and emotion intact. When circumstances conspire to send Roddy, a pet mouse (Hugh Jackman), down the loo and into a sewer-level London populated by rats, toads, the odd frog and a charming Greek chorus of slugs, he discovers what's really important in life. Shot through with cheeky wit and hilarious musical numbers by slugs. (AH)

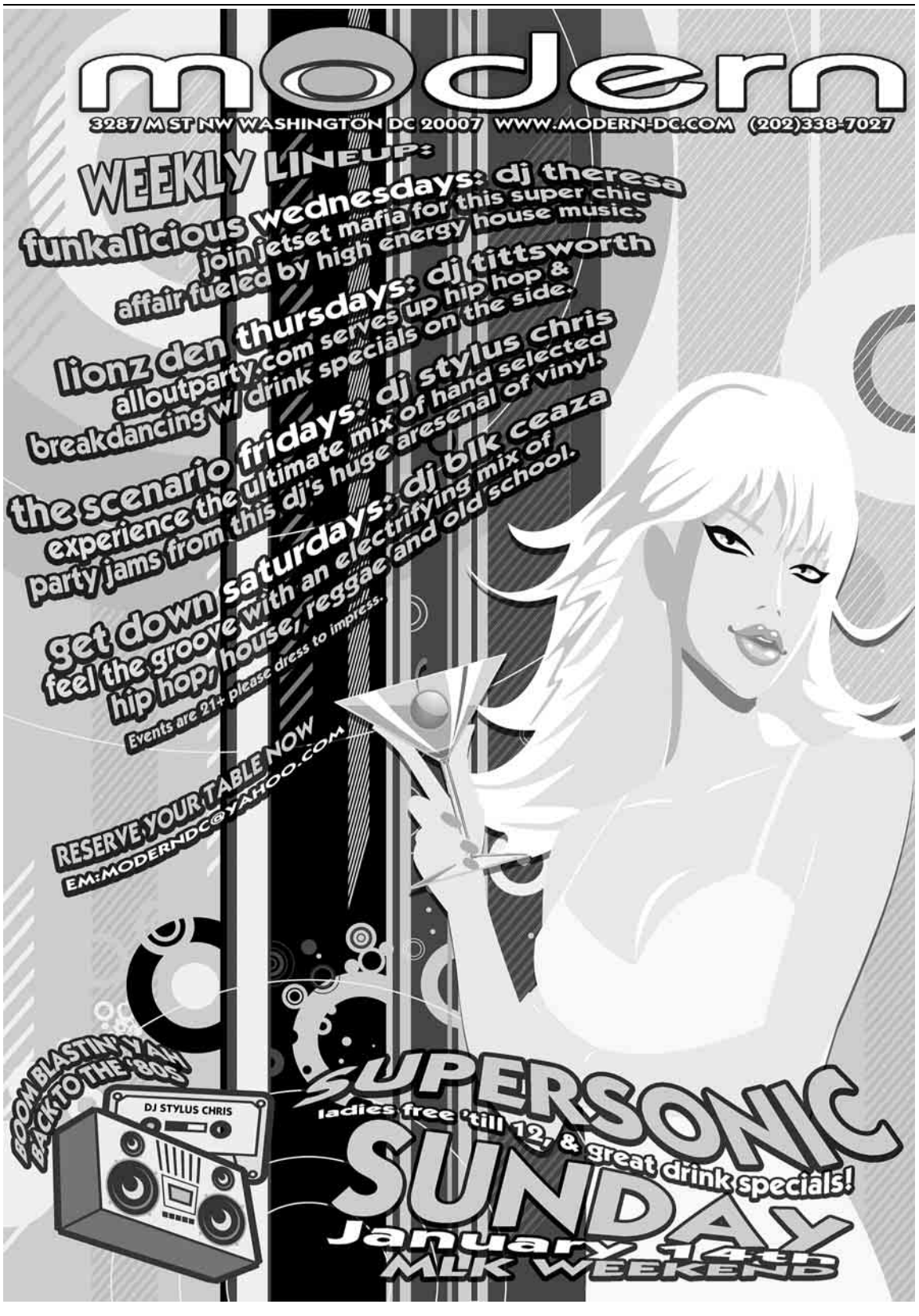
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13, 123 minutes) When will the students ditch their attitude and love the teacher — the one trying so hard to reach them? And why do we keep falling for movies as cut and dried as these? Perhaps because these films reinforce our need to see teachers as sensitive heroes. By the simple force of her acting, Hilary Swank (as real-life English teacher Erin Gruwell) is compelling as she faces the hostility of her students. (DT)

THE GOOD GERMAN (R, 110 minutes) George Clooney plays Jake, a war correspondent and former Berlin AP bureau chief, now a two-fisted New Republic columnist. He arrives in Berlin ostensibly to cover the Potsdam Conference, but really to find his old squeeze. Director Steven Soderbergh's idea was to take a recent thriller set in the 1940s and make it as a '40s picture. But the movie lies there as if on a slab in a morgue, while you admire the corpse for its beauty. (SH)

THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R, 157 minutes) Edward Wilson (Matt Damon) is from one of those old families — the ones that knew everybody, got the best jobs and knew which wine went with which course. The thrust of the film is his journey to becoming a Central Intelligence Agency player of the '60s, but his investigation stops to wander through history, tracking what may be Edward's growth or his damnation. The movie is serious adult movie-making from director Robert De Niro, a man deeply interested in the art, craft and psychology of espionage. (SH)

HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG, 87 minutes) From the number of walkouts at a recent screening, this slick piece of computer animation that can be described as a family film only in the sense that it's a film the whole family will want to avoid, will open quietly, do no business and be quickly forgotten. This movie winds up answering the question of what "Shrek" hath wrought, and between its plastic-looking visuals and cynical attitude, the news isn't good. (AH)

HAPPY FEET (PG, 98 minutes) Anyone watching this computer-animated flick



DREAMWORKS

I SEE 'INVISIBLES,' DUDE

High Times

CRAFTED FOR A family audience, Luc Besson's live-action and animation combo "Arthur and the Invisibles" might be more appropriate for the pothead crowd, given the movie's wildly jarring visuals and often incomprehensible action. For everyone else, this is a mish-mash with a distinctive but disorderly animation palette whose top-notch voice cast — including Robert De Niro, Madonna and David Bowie — gets lost in the muck. After opening with a live-action prologue, the movie sends its young hero (Freddie Highmore) on an adventure among tiny elves living in his grandma's garden, where he battles a nasty villain and hunts for treasure to save the family homestead from a scheming developer. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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about an adorable tap-dancing penguin named Mumble is going to, well, flip. Mumble (Elijah Wood) realizes he can't sing, let alone come up with the special "heart song" every able-bodied penguin needs to attract a mate. But the croaky fuzz ball sure can hoof. The movie's terrific songs are a warm cushion of welcome. (DT)

THE HISTORY BOYS (R, 104 minutes) The sentimental subject of this movie is a group of eight boys at a secondary school in England who have done so well on their exams that all have qualified as finalists for Oxford or Cambridge.The actors in all the major roles are holdovers from the stage version, which playwright Alan Bennett adapted for the screen. They modulate their performance admirably, even if the film is not quite as engaging as the play. (PETER MARKS)

THE HOLIDAY (PG-13, 131 minutes) This overproduced romantic comedy doesn't even qualify as fluff; it's featureless plastic. Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet play two professionals who are romantic failures. The result is an interminable, unromantic series of setups and payoffs. (AH)

THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R, 121 minutes) This film concerns the flamboyant African despot Idi Amin, said to have been responsible for the murder of 300,000 of his fellow Ugandans during the '70s. The movie uses a fictional device to get up close and personal, but Amin, representing a human extreme, is so much more interesting than his witness, a young Scottish doctor. (SH)

LITTLE CHILDREN (R, 130 minutes) In this movie, the arrival of a convicted child molester in East Wyndam, Mass., triggers outrage throughout the community. But Ronnie the pedophile (Jackie Earle Haley) is practically one of the good guys. The film is a hugely absorbing social drama that is, by turns, excruciating, sad and sardonic. (DT)

JAIMIE TRUEBLOOD

LIFE STUDIES: Hilary Swank plays a newbie teacher who tries to get the kids in her classroom to listen, learn and love in the uplifting but familiar film "Freedom Writers."

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (R, 101 minutes) Throw a quirky family in a broken-down, yellow VW bus en route from Albuquerque to Redondo Beach, Calif., so that 7-year-old Olive (Abigail Breslin) can compete for the dubious title of Little Miss Sunshine. What happens when the family actually makes it to the pageant is sad, sweet, enlightening and really, really funny. (JENNIFER FREY)

LIVE AND BECOME (Unrated, 140 minutes) Ethiopian Jews and their repatriation to the Holy Land is the political context for Radu Mihaileanu's mostly affecting story of an

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Ethiopian boy who becomes an accidental part of that communal history. (DT)

MISS POTTER (PG, 92 minutes) In this film about children's author Beatrix Potter (Renee Zellweger), we learn about the restrictive household in which she lived and how she takes comfort in the animals she befriends, adopts and anthropomorphizes in her stories. When Beatrix falls in love with Norman Warne (Ewan McGregor), her publisher, her parents object to the union because Norman works for a living. And it takes becoming a celebrity author for Beatrix to achieve their begrudging respect. If the movie is respectful and factually informative, it's also tightly corseted. (DT)

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG, 108 minutes) Ben Stiller plays Larry Daley, a divorced dad who finds work at New York's Museum of Natural History. At night, all the stuffed animals, dioramas and mannequins come to life and run amok. The plot thickens, but the movie is mostly all about those eye-popping scenes of lions, zebras, Civil War soldiers and Sacagawea committing sundry acts of mayhem and mischief. (AH)

NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R, 98 minutes) Judi Dench plays Ms. Covett, a salty old pro teaching at an English middle school, and she noticed poor Sheba Hart (Cate Blanchett), the new art teacher, back when she came to the young teacher's rescue. Ms. Covett, iron of spirit as well as of petticoat, stops that outbreak with a few steely words, then takes the younger teacher under her wing. We watch what we think will unspool as a touching story of human weakness as told from a sympathetic viewpoint, but we soon realize that cheesy uplift is not on the menu. (SH)

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HATE THE GAME, NOT THE PLAYERS: It's always good to see Lucy Liu with a gun, and Cedric is definitely entertaining — but his movie "Code Name: The Cleaner" is not.

THE PAINTED VEIL (PG-13, 125 minutes) This high-minded adaptation of an ancient novel by W. Somerset Maugham stars Edward Norton as a stiff research physician who marries a flighty woman played by Naomi Watts. Even though the movie was handsomely shot in the Guangxi province of China, there's almost no engagement with the people, culture and realities of the country in the '20s. (SH)

PERFUME: THE STORY OF A MURDERER (R, 148 minutes) This spectacle is set in the foulest regions of 18th-century Paris. It features gruesome killings and asks audiences to become acquainted with perfume extraction. It follows the misadventures of a man-child who's keenly attuned and addicted to his sense of smell. Jean-Baptiste Grenouille (Ben Whishaw) is so determined to extract the ultimate scent he resorts to serial murder to reproduce it. The film has its moments, particularly as a visual experience. But it is an uneven experience. (DT)

THE PRESTIGE (PG, 129 minutes) Christian Bale, Hugh Jackman and Michael Caine, who play feuding magicians and their mentor, respectively. And there's the twisty plot that actually gives viewers a fighting chance to figure things out before the Big Reveal. If you see only one magic-at-the-turn-of-the-century movie this year, make it this one. (AH)

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13, 117 minutes) This movie is the biography of a real guy named Christopher Gardner, whom Will Smith, charming and bright, embodies to the fingertips. He is a salesman who ends up on the streets — with his son. The movie is almost devised like a rat-in-maze experiment. Every few minutes, some new obstacle comes up for Chris, at which point the film stands back and watches him improvise. (SH)

THE QUEEN (PG-13, 99 minutes) England's constitutional irony is the chilly but entertaining subtext of Stephen Frears' tragicomedy. The crisis begins in late August 1997, when Queen Elizabeth II (Helen Mirren) learns of Princess Diana's death. Mirren's finely calibrated performance reveals a complex woman coping with a bewildering world. (DT)

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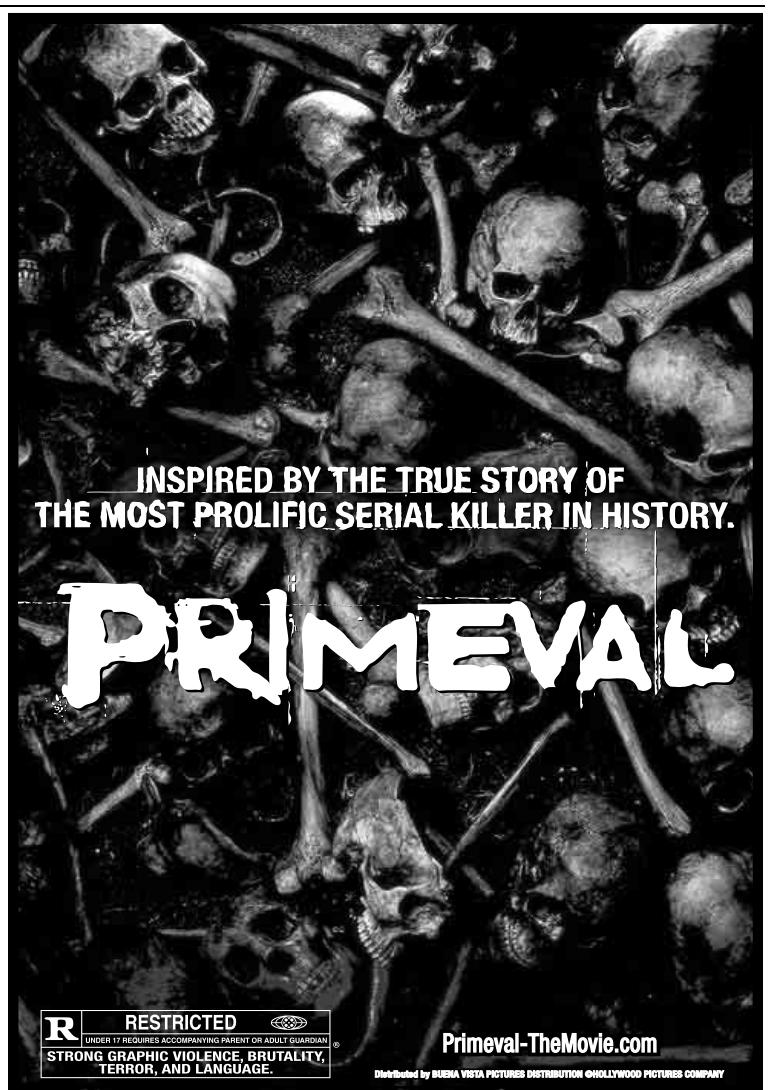

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THR3E (PG-13, 105 minutes) Kevin Parson (Marc Blucas) wants to finish his thesis on "The Meaning of Evil" but anonymous phone calls warn him of impending disaster. Each message arrives with a riddle that he must solve in a certain time frame to prevent the innocent from being blown away. The movie's way too frenetic for its own good, and if you don't see the surprise ending by minute six, best go back to school. (SH)

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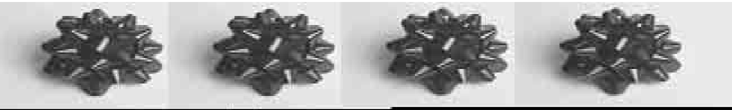

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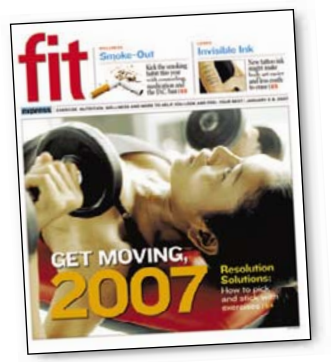

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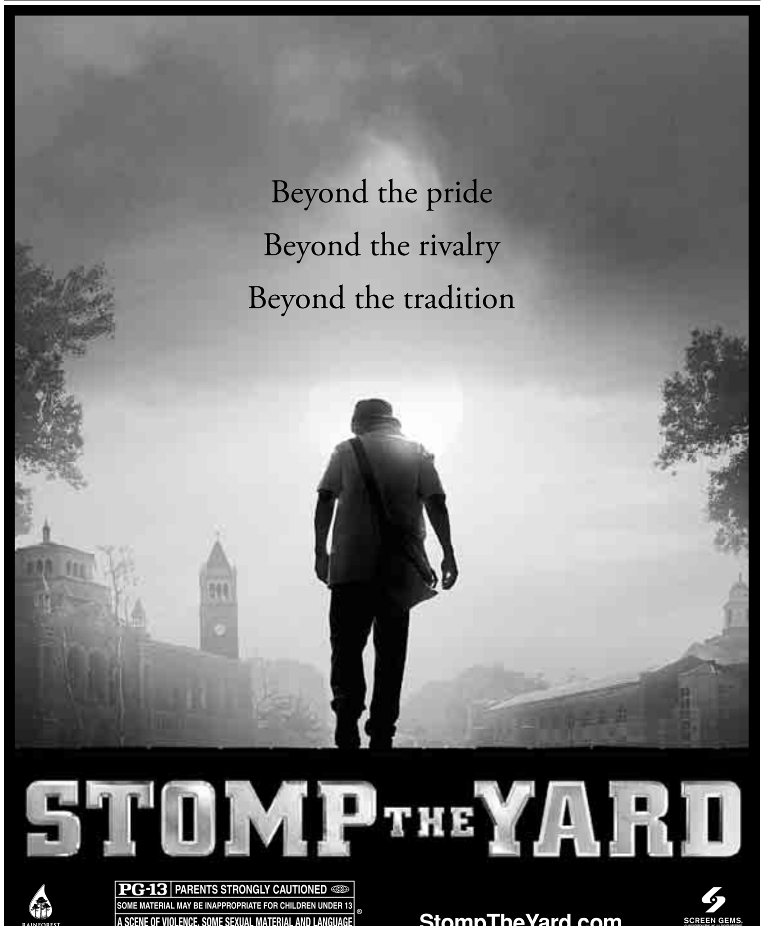

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BLOOD DIAMOND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(105) 700 1220
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG	(1200)

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STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG	(200 445) 730 1015
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG	(230 455) 720 945
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG	(150 420) 640 900
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG	715 940
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG	(135 440) 740 1045
WE ARE MARSHALL (PG) DIG	650 930
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(320) 700 1040
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) DIG	(155 430) 725 1000
ERAGON (PG) DIG	(210 435)
THE HOLIDAY (PG-13) DIG	(335) 645 955
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(140 450) 800
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG	(355) 710 1025
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG	(120 410)
DEPARTED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(100 425) 750

BOWIE STADIUM 14
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PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(1240 300 530) 815 1045
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG	(1130 130 215 440 520) 745 815 1035 1100
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG	(115 420) 705 1000
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG	(1150 215 455) 735
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG	(1140 230 500) 745 1015
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(145 440) 720 1005
BLACK CHRISTMAS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	930
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG	(1215 100 330 445) 715 800 1030 1100
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(1200 330) 700 1030
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG	(1140 230 515) 800 1040
ERAGON (PG) DIG	1005
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG	(1135 205 430) 700
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG	(1245 400) 730 1045
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG	(1145 220 500) 740 1015

BETHESDA 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#

PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(105 430) 750 1020
ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(125 420) 720 1015
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG	(1250 350) 700 950
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG	(130 345) 650
MISS POTTER (PG) DIG	(1235 320) 715 940
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG	(1245 400) 730 1030
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(1200 340) 800
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG	(110 410) 710 955
WE ARE MARSHALL (PG) DIG	930
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG	(115 415) 740 1025
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG	(1240 405) 735 1035

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#

PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(230 455) 720 940 1200
ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(150 450) 745 1035
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG	(110 145 220 400 435 510) 650 725 800 935 1015 1050
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG	(1225 250 515) 740
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG	(1255 350) 705 1000
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG	(140 410) 645
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG	(135 405) 655 920 1145
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(210 500) 750 1030
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG	(120 425) 700 735 1005 1040
BLACK CHRISTMAS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	905 1130
OC & DA: NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG	(130)
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(300) 640 1020
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG	(415) 715 955
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG	(200 430)
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG	(125 420) 710 1010
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(115 445) 755 1110

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(1210 230 520) 750 1010
ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(140 440) 740 1040
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG	(1250 430) 720 1020
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG	(150 420) 700 930
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG	(1230 330) 640 945
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG	(100 345) 620 850
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG	820 1035
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(1200 220 510) 745 1005
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(130 410) 710 950
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG	(1215 310) 620 920
OC & DA: NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG	(1150)
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(250) 630 1000
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG	(110 240 540) 650 830
WE ARE MARSHALL (PG) DIG	(400) 940
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(210 450) 730 1025
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) DIG	(245 530) 800 1030
ERAGON (PG) DIG	(215 500)
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG	(1245 340) 615
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG	(1220 315) 645 935
THE HOLIDAY (PG-13) DIG	840
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(115 415) 715 1015
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG	(1155 300) 610 910
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG	(1240 320) 625 900

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PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(1220 240 515) 815 1100
ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(1200 245 530) 830 1115
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG	(100 400) 700 945 1230
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG	(130 415) 745 1030
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG	(1215 225 435) 645 855
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13)	815 1040
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(1240 300 520) 800 1025 1245
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(1200 230 500) 730 1000 1230
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG	(125 430) 730 1025
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(1200) 330 700 1030
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG	(1205 230 500) 745 1015
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G)	(220 440)
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG	(115 415) 715 1005 1245
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(345) 715 1035
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG	(105)

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
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ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG	(145 410) 720 940
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(130 400) 740 955
PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(120 340) 745 1000
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(200 440) 735 1015
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) - ID REQ'D	(155 435) 725 1010
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG	(140 430) 710 1005
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG	(100 150 350 445) 645 730 945 1020
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG	(135 420) 700 930
ERAGON (PG)	(110 330)
BABEL (R) - ID REQ'D	630 945

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
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STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG	(100 445) 745 1040
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG	(1245 400) 715 1030
PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(1215 245 515) 800 1030
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG	(1230 415) 645 930
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(110 410) 700 1000
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG	(110 430) 745 1045
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG	(1220 350) 645
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG	(1215 245 515) 730 1010
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(1245 400) 730 1015
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(1200 430) 815
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG	(1240 410) 700 945
WE ARE MARSHALL (PG) DIG	945
ERAGON (PG) DIG	(445) 800 1040
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG	(1210 240 510)
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG	(115 415) 715 1020
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	815
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG	(1230)

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
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PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(200 500) 815 1035
ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(130 430) 745 1030
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG	(100 400) 730 1015
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG	(145 445) 700 930
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG	(1230 330) 700 950
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG	(130 415) 645
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG	(345) 950
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(115 415) 715 1000
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG	(1245 400) 715 1020
OC & DA: NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG	(145)
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(100 430) 800
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG	(445) 745 1030
WE ARE MARSHALL (PG) DIG	915
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(200 500) 800 1035
ERAGON (PG) DIG	915
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG	(115 345) 630
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG	(1245 330) 730 1015
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG	(1230) 645

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#

Adv. Tix on Sale HIDDEN SECRETS (NR) ★

DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG	(1220 325) 720 1015
PRIMEVAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(120 415) 750 1005
ALPHA DOG (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(105 400) 725 1010
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG	(1250 355) 740 1020
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG	(1225 250 505) 730 950
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG	(1235 330) 650 945
HAPPILY N'VER AFTER (PG) DIG	(1150 220 450) 705 925
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) DIG	(130 405) 800 1030
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(1140 215 500) 755 1025
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG	(1130 300) 630 1000
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG	(1240 335) 710 955
WE ARE MARSHALL (PG) DIG	915
ERAGON (PG) DIG	(350) 700 940
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG	(115 345) 640
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG	(1210 315) 645 930
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG	(1255)

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(!) 1:00, 4:00, 6:45, 10:20
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG)
(!) 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG)
(!) 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50
PRIMEVAL (R)
(!) 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13)
(!) 1:00, 3:50, 6:30, 9:50
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13)
(!) 1:00, 3:50, 6:30, 9:50
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13)
(!) 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13)
(!) 12:45, 3:45, 6:30, 9:50
BLACK CHRISTMAS (R) (!) 10:20 p.m.

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NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R)
2:05, 4:40, 7:25, 9:40
VOLVER (R)
1:40, 4:25, 7:05, 9:50
LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA (R)
12:55, 3:55, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35, 10:00
THE QUEEN (PG-13)
1:35, 7:20
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R)
1:55, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55
CHILDREN OF MEN (R)
1:35, 4:05, 6:55, 9:35
THE GOOD GERMAN (R)
1:25, 9:20
THE HISTORY BOYS (R)
4:00, 6:50

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PRIMEVAL (R)
12:10, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG)
12:05, 2:05, 3:50, 5:40, 7:35, 9:25
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13)
12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:45
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13)
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DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG)
5:15, 7:20, 9:30
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) 4:45, 7:15, 9:35
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG)
4:40, 7:10, 9:30
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13)
4:35, 7:10, 9:40

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ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG)
3:00, 5:15, 7:25, 9:30
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 4:20, 7:45
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG)
2:35, 5:00, 7:15, 9:40

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DREAMGIRLS (PG-13)
(!) 4:15, 7:00, 9:55
PRIMEVAL (R)
(!) 5:25, 7:40, 10:10
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13)
(!) 4:35, 7:20, 9:50
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG)
(!) 5:10, 7:25, 9:30
CHILDREN OF MEN (R)
(!) 4:50, 7:35, 10:00
ALPHA DOG (R)
4:30, 7:15, 9:50
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13)
(!) 4:25, 7:10, 9:45
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13)
(!) 9:25 p.m.
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG)
(!) 5:05, 7:05
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG)
4:40, 7:20, 9:40
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13)
5:15, 7:30, 10:05
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 5:00

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NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R)
10:05, 12:20, 2:20, 4:30, 7:20, 9:35
PAINTED VEIL (PG-13)
9:35, 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:40, 10:10
VOLVER (R)
9:45 am, 12:00, 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 9:45
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R)
9:40 am, 12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 10:05
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R)
10:00 am, 12:15, 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

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11:30, 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:30
***ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG)**
11:20, 1:40, 4:35, 7:00, 9:20
***STOMP THE YARD (PG-13)**
1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:10
***PRIMEVAL (R)**
12:10, 3:00, 5:20, 8:00, 10:20
***CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R)**
12:40, 3:40, 6:50, 9:40
***HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG)**
11:35, 2:00, 4:15, 6:45, 9:10
***FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13)**
12:50, 3:50, 7:10, 10:00
***CHILDREN OF MEN (R)**
1:10, 4:25, 7:30, 10:15
***CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13)**
12:15, 2:45, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13)
12:20, 3:30, 6:40, 9:50
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG)
11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25
WE ARE MARSHALL (PG)
3:35, 9:45
A GOOD SHEPHERD (R)
12:00, 4:00, 8:15
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13)
12:30, 3:10, 6:30, 9:30
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G)
11:45, 2:20, 4:45, 7:05
ERAGON (PG)
3:20, 9:15
BLOOD DIAMOND (R)
12:25, 6:35
THE HOLIDAY (PG-13)
9:35
HAPPY FEET (PG)
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VOLVER (R)
11:00, 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R)
11:40, 2:20, 4:30, 7:15, 9:25
THE PAINTED VEIL (PG-13)
11:05, 1:40, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45
THE QUEEN (PG-13)
2:00, 7:20
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R)
11:10, 4:25, 9:40
LITTLE CHILDREN (R)
3:00, 9:00
PERFUME: THE STORY OF A MURDERER(R)
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MISS POTTER (PG)
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ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) ✓ (11:15 @ $5), 1:45, 4:10, 6:55, 9:40
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) ✓ (10:05 @ $5), 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55, 12:45
PRIMEVAL (R) ✓ 12:50, 3:25, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40, 12:55
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) ✓ (10:00, 11:00 @ $5), 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 1:00
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) ✓ (11:50 @ $5), 2:15, 4:35, 7:45, 10:10
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) ✓ (10:20 @ $5), 12:40, 3:05, 5:20, 7:40
BLACK CHRISTMAS (R) 8:45, 11:20
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) (11:20 @ $5), 3:20, 7:15, 11:10
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) (11:35 @ $5), 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:25, 1:00
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) (11:55 @ $5), 2:45, 5:25, 8:25, 10:55
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) (10:40 @ $5), 1:10, 3:45
ERAGON (PG) 12:30, 3:10, 5:40
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) (10:15 @ $5), 1:20, 4:30, 7:35, 10:35
APOCALYPTO (R) (10:10 @ $5), 1:15
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 1:40, 4:50, 8:05, 11:15
THE HOLIDAY (PG13) 6:20, 9:35, 12:50
HAPPY FEET (PG) (11:45 @ $5), 2:40, 5:35

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DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 12:15, 3:15, 4:20, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30, 12:40
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) ✓ 12:25, 2:55, 5:50, 8:20, 11:05
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) [D] [CC] ✓ 12:25, 2:55, 5:50, 8:20, 11:05
PERFUME: THE STORY OF A MURDERER (R) ✓ 8:10, 11:40
THR3E (PG13) 10:05 PM, 12:35 AM
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) (11:25 @ $5), 1:55, 4:20, 6:50, 9:15, 11:50

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10
Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

ALPHA DOG (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) 12:40, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
PRIMEVAL (R) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:45, 10:30
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) 7:00, 9:30
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:45, 9:55
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 1:10, 4:10
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

AMC SELECT
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE
Jenifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
PRIMEVAL (R) 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:20, 10:35
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 12:00, 3:30, 6:55, 10:30
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 12:30, 3:05, 5:30, 8:05, 10:30
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) [D] [CC] 12:30, 3:05, 5:30, 8:05, 10:30
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50

AMC SELECT
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
3111 K Street, N.W.
202-342-6441

ALPHA DOG (R) ✓ 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 10:15
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) ✓ 2:10, 5:00, 7:55, 10:50
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) ✓ 2:05, 4:55, 7:45, 10:45
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 12:00, 3:20, 7:00, 10:40
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) [CC] 12:00, 3:20, 7:00, 10:40
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 12:05, 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:30
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50
APOCALYPTO (R) 12:25, 3:40, 6:50, 9:55
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 12:30, 3:45, 6:55, 10:20
THE HOLIDAY (PG13) 4:30
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) 1:15, 7:35, 11:00

AMC SELECT
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 1:05, 2:20, 3:55, 5:10, 6:45, 8:00, 9:40, 10:55
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:10, 4:15, 7:20, 10:25
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 12:00, 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) 12:50, 3:15, 5:45, 8:10, 10:35

LOEWS LEXINGTON PARK 6
21882 FDR Boulevard
301-862-5000

PRIMEVAL (R) 2:20, 5:45, 8:00, 10:45
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 2:10, 5:35, 8:15, 11:00
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 2:00, 4:15, 7:00
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 1:40, 4:05, 7:10, 9:45
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:50, 4:45, 7:45, 10:20

AMC SELECT
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

ALPHA DOG (R) ✓ (10:50 @ $5), 1:50, 4:40, 7:35, 10:25
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) ✓ (11:10 @ $5), 1:40, 4:15, 6:40, 9:20
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) ✓ 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
PRIMEVAL (R) ✓ 12:30, 3:00, 5:25, 8:00, 10:40
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) ✓ (10:35 @ $5), 12:25, 1:30, 3:20, 4:25, 6:15, 7:20, 9:10, 10:15
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) ✓ 12:10, 2:35, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) ✓ (10:05 @ $5), 12:20, 2:40, 4:55, 6:55
BLACK CHRISTMAS (R) 9:05 PM
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 12:00, 3:30, 6:30, 10:00
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) (10:20 @ $5), 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:35
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) (11:20 @ $5), 1:55, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) (10:10 @ $5), 12:40, 3:10, 5:30
ERAGON (PG) 6:45, 9:25
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) (10:55 @ $5), 1:35, 4:35, 7:25, 10:20
APOCALYPTO (R) 1:05, 7:10
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) (10:00 @ $5), 4:05, 10:10
THE HOLIDAY (PG13) 7:50, 10:50
HAPPY FEET (PG) (10:25 @ $5), 1:00, 3:55

AMC SELECT
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) ✓ (10:30 @ $5), 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) (10:15 @ $5), 1:25, 4:30, 7:30, 10:35
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:05

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

ALPHA DOG (R) (10:40 @ $5), 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) (11:50 @ $5), 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) (10:30 @ $5), 1:15, 4:05, 7:00, 9:55
PRIMEVAL (R) (10:45 @ $5), 1:05, 3:30, 6:05, 8:30, 11:00
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HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) (11:40 @ $5), 2:10, 4:40, 6:50, 9:05
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) (11:10 @ $5), 2:40, 6:10, 9:40
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) (11:00 @ $5), 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 7:05, 9:35
ERAGON (PG) (11:30 @ $5), 2:00, 4:35
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) (10:35 @ $5), 1:25, 4:15, 7:20, 10:10
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) [D] [CC] (10:35 @ $5), 1:25, 4:15, 7:20, 10:10
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 10:55 PM
THE HOLIDAY (PG13) (10:55 @ $5), 1:55, 4:55, 7:55

AMC SELECT
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) (10:50 @ $5), 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:50
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 12:30, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8
8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) 1:20, 3:20, 5:30, 7:50, 10:05
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 12:20, 3:40, 7:00, 10:20
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) 1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 8:00, 10:25
ERAGON (PG) 12:40, 2:55, 5:10
BORAT (R) 7:40, 9:50
THE DEPARTED (R) 7:20, 10:30
QUIEN MATO A LA LLAMITA BLANCA? (NR-NOT RATED) 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20

AMC SELECT
BABEL (R) 1:00, 7:10
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 8:10, 10:40
PERFUME: THE STORY OF A MURDERER (R) 4:00, 10:10
THE QUEEN (PG13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220

ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) 12:05, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
PRIMEVAL (R) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:35
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 12:00, 1:05, 3:00, 4:05, 6:05, 7:05, 9:05, 10:05
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THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 6:40, 9:45
HAPPY FEET (PG) 2:00, 4:20

AMC SELECT
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30

LOEWS DUPONT 5
1350 19th St.
1-800-FANDANGO #711

THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 2:30, 6:30, 10:00
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) 2:15, 5:15, 7:45, 10:20

AMC SELECT
BABEL (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
THE HISTORY BOYS (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
1-800-FANDANGO #713

AMC SELECT
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

ALPHA DOG (R) ✓ (11:05 @ $6), 1:55, 5:00, 7:55, 10:45
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) ✓ (10:20 @ $6), 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:15
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) ✓ (10:25 @ $6), 1:15, 4:10, 7:15, 10:10
PRIMEVAL (R) ✓ (10:00 @ $6), 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55, 12:10
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) ✓ (10:50 @ $6), 1:30, 4:25, 7:35, 10:20
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) ✓ (10:10 @ $6), 12:20, 2:35, 4:55, 7:05, 9:20, 11:35
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 12:05, 3:40, 7:20, 10:55
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) (10:45 @ $6), 12:10, 1:20, 2:45, 4:05, 5:30, 6:45, 8:15, 9:25, 10:50, 12:05
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) (10:05 @ $6), 12:25, 2:50, 5:10
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) (10:55 @ $6), 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) [D] [CC] (10:55 @ $6), 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) (10:15 @ $6), 1:25, 4:40, 7:50, 10:55
THE HOLIDAY (PG13) 7:30, 10:30
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) (10:00 @ $6), 1:05, 4:15, 7:25, 10:35

AMC SELECT
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) (11:10 @ $6), 1:50, 4:50, 7:45, 10:25
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) (10:40 @ $6), 1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:40
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) ✓ (11:00 @ $6), 1:35, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30, 11:55

AMC RIVERTOWNE 12
Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
703-998-4AMC

ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) ✓ 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) ✓ 1:25, 4:35, 7:40, 10:35
PRIMEVAL (R) ✓ 1:35, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) ✓ 1:40, 4:50, 8:00, 10:45
CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG13) ✓ 12:50, 3:15, 5:45, 8:10, 10:45
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) ✓ 1:00, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:25
BLACK CHRISTMAS (R) 7:00, 9:40
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 8:00, 10:40
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 1:20, 4:15
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
HAPPY FEET (PG) 1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30

AMC SELECT
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) ✓ 2:00, 4:40, 7:50, 10:35
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 12:00, 3:20, 6:45, 10:20

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

ALPHA DOG (R) ✓ 1:10, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 2:40, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30
PRIMEVAL (R) ✓ 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:20
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 2:10, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

AMC SELECT
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) ✓ 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:25

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

AMC SELECT
VOLVER (R) 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:00
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
THE PAINTED VEIL (PG13) 2:00, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
PERFUME: THE STORY OF A MURDERER (R) 1:40
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) 1:50, 4:10, 7:30, 9:30
THE QUEEN (PG13) 1:30, 3:50, 7:00, 9:10
LITTLE CHILDREN (R) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6
Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.
301-729-6633

ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) ✓ 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:05
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) ✓ 1:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) ✓ 3:10, 7:45
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
ROCKY BALBOA (PG) 12:30, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) 12:50, 5:30, 9:55
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) [D] [CC] 1:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
1-800-FANDANGO #741

FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 2:45, 6:25, 9:50
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 1:50, 7:35, 10:30

AMC SELECT
PERFUME: THE STORY OF A MURDERER (R) 4:40

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Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

'WHAT'S THIS RED BUTTON DO?'

The Disney Channel has expanded the "That's So Raven" franchise all the way to the White House. Kyle Massey stars as Cory in **CORY IN THE HOUSE** (Fri., 9:30 p.m., Disney). He has played Raven's younger brother in more than 100 episodes. Rondell Sheridan reprises his role as Victor Baxter, Cory's dad, who has just landed a job as White House chef.

POINTED AND POINTY-HEADED

COMEDY CENTRAL PRESENTS MARC MARON (Fri., 10 p.m., Comedy Central) features a comedian with the cerebral and dyspeptic approach of Woody Allen in his prime. Maron's subjects include organized religion and pharmaceutical companies. He contends that religious zealots have embraced the current administration because it has worked so hard to bring about the Apocalypse they desire.

DON'T SPEND THE WEEKEND IN FRONT OF THE TV, FOR STARTERS

Dr. Sanjay Gupta and Lance Armstrong join forces at a Cancer Town Hall on **SAVING YOUR LIFE** (Sun., 8 p.m., CNN). Combining information and inspiration, "Saving" discusses ways viewers can prevent cancer and provides stories about people like Armstrong who have faced the disease, and survived and thrived.

HBO

HEY THERE, LONELY BOY: Orlando Bloom drops in on "Extras" to brood.

AND HUMORLESS

LOUIS C.K.: SHAMELESS (Sat., 10 p.m., HBO) Those few viewers who watched "Lucky Louie" may remember it as a crude, misanthropic take on the traditional multi-camera sitcom.

FIRST, THE DECLINE ...

Set in a decadent republic sliding into dictatorship, **ROME** (Sun., 9 p.m., HBO) enters its second and final season. The story picks up with murdered Julius Caesar still bleeding on the Senate floor. The principle political intrigue is very involved and all too familiar to those familiar with William Shakespeare and Cecil B. DeMille. But a subplot involving Centurion Lucius Vorenus (Kevin McKidd) and his lowborn sidekick, Pullo (Ray Stevenson), continues to drive this gorgeously produced and richly entertaining epic series.

FROM RAGS TO IRONIC RICHES

Ricky Gervais' odd and addictive series **EXTRAS** (Sun., 10 p.m., HBO) also returns for a second helping. Andy Millman (Gervais) has graduated from anonymous stand-in to potential sitcom writer and star. But fame has its own grim rewards. Andy's dream of a slice-of-life comedy turns into a wretchedly dated Britcom ("When the Whistle Blows") that critics hate and audiences embrace as a kind of time-warp guilty pleasure.

CULT CHOICE

An awkward teen (Jon Heder) convinces a new student to run for class president in the 2004 comedy **NAPOLEON DYNAMITE** (Sat. & Sun., 8 p.m., Comedy Central).

NEXT SEASON, JACK BAUER SAVES THE WHOLE UNIVERSE

When last seen, **24** (Sun., 8 p.m., Fox) hero Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) was on a very slow boat to China. After a 20-month absence, Jack's back and ready to save a world that has never faced so much danger. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News CC		Nightly News	Access Hollywood	1 vs. 100 (iTV) (N) CC		Las Vegas (N) CC		Law & Order "Charity Case" (N)		News CC	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	Seinfeld CC	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld CC	Nanny 911 "Landsberger Family" (N)		Trading Spouses: Meet-Mommy		News		News	Geraldo at Large
	WJLA 7	News CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy "Six Days" CC		(:01) Brothers and Sisters CC		20/20 CC		News CC	(:35) Nightline
	WUSA 9	News CC	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer "Deja Boo" (N)		Close to Home "Getting In" (N) CC		NUMB3RS "Finders Keepers" (N)		News CC	Late Show
	WDCA 20	Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Judy (N)	Wicked Wicked Games (N) CC		Watch Over Me "Making Moves" (N)		The Tyra Banks Show CC		Still Standing	Still Standing
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	State Circle	Washington Week	NOW (N) CC	Mystery: Hetty Wainthropp		Broadway's Lost Treasures III: The Best			Manor Born
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Washington Week	Inside Wash.	NOW (N) CC	Generation Next: Speak Up		Wild Things Life and death struggle.		Charlie Rose (N)
	WHUT 32	White House	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Evening Exch	To the Contrary	History Detectives CC		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WDCW 50	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Friends CC	Friends CC	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) CC				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Sex and the City	Sex and the City
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Crossing Jordan "Jump Push Fall"		CSI: Miami "Not Landing" CC		CSI: Miami "Felony Flight" CC		CSI: NY "Manhattan Manhunt" CC		CSI: Miami "Hurricane Anthony"		CSI: Miami "Crime Wave" CC	
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Close calls.		The Crocodile Hunter CC		Meerkat Manor	Meerkat Manor	The Planet's Funniest Animals CC		Miami Animal Police CC		The Crocodile Hunter CC	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Actor Mario. (N) CC			Hotwyred (N)	Beef: The Series	Beef: The Series	The Wire "The Buys" CC			Comicview CC	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx
	Bravo	Grease: You're the One That I Want		Inside the Actors Studio "Will Smith"		Moving Image Salutes Will Smith Honoring the actor. (N)			Moving Image Salutes Will Smith Honoring the actor.			★★ "National Lampoon's Vacation"	
	Comedy	(4:30) ★★ "The Royal Tenenbaums"		Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Mind of Mencia	South Park CC	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents
	Court	Hollywood Heat	Masterminds	Cops CC	Cops CC	Dangerous Police Chases		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	The Investigators "A Date to Die For"		Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege &	
	Discovery	It Takes a Thief Home improvements.		Dirty Jobs Viewers' questions. CC		Prowling Sharks in the Mediterranean		10 Deadliest Sharks CC		10 Deadliest Sharks CC		Stunt Junkies	Stunt Junkies
	DISCH	Code Blue "Sweet Charity" CC		Impact: Stories of Survival		Critical Hour CC		Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC		Skeleton Stories Decomposing body.		Critical Hour CC	
	Disney	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	"Jump In!" (2007, Drama) Corbin Bleu. Premiere. CC			Cory in the House	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven
	E!	Love Ride	Love Ride	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Seinfeld: The True Hollywood Story		High 90210	High 90210	The Soup (N)	Starveillance (N)	E! News	The Daily 10
	FX	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Dirt "Blogan"	
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	Family	Everwood "Pro Choice" CC		Smallville "Lexmas" CC		★★ "Sister Act" (1992, Musical Comedy) Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith.				Lincoln Heights "Pilot" CC		The 700 Club CC	
	History	Our Generation	Mail Call CC	Modern Marvels: Police Technology		The Lost Evidence "North Africa" (N)		Shootout! "Hunt for bin Laden" CC		Dogfights "Long Odds" (N) CC		Modern Marvels: Ball Turret Gunners	
	Lifetime	Reba CC	Reba CC	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba CC	Reba CC	"cyber seduction: His Secret Life" (2005) Jeremy Sumpter, Kelly Lynch. CC				Gay, Straight	Gay, Straight
	MTV	Exposed (N)	Exposed	The Real World "Denver" CC		The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World
	NICK	Ned's School	Fairly OddParents	Fairly OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Just Jordan	Nicktoons TV	Full House CC	Full House CC	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "2010" CC		Heroes "Fallout" CC		Jake 2.0 CC		Jake 2.0 "Arms and the Girl" CC		Jake 2.0 "Last Man Standing" CC		Stargate SG-1 "Nightwalker" CC	
	SPIKE	Star Trek: Voyager "Initiations" CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		World's Most Amazing Videos CC		Disorderly Conduct: Video on Patrol	
	TBS	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	King of Queens	King of Queens	★★★ "Clueless" (1995, Comedy) Alicia Silverstone, Stacey Dash. CC				(:10) ★★ "Sugar & Spice" (2001)	
	TLC	Property Ladder		Take Home Chef	Take Home Chef	Dinner Takes All		What Not to Wear "Cristina H." (N)		What Not to Wear "Suzannah" CC		What Not to Wear "Cristina H." CC	
	TNT	Law & Order "True North"		Without a Trace "Hang On to Me"		★★★ "Under Siege" (1992, Action) Steven Seagal. Premiere. CC				★★★ "Under Siege" (1992, Action) Steven Seagal, Tommy Lee Jones. CC			
	USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Dead"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Monk "Mr. Monk, Private Eye" CC		Psych Death of the Spellmaster.		House "The Mistake" CC	
	VHI	Dreamgirls: Divas, Drama and Destiny		Shoot Sizemore	Fabulous Life Of... Michael Ball.		I Love New York New York makes the first cut.			Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Surreal Life Fame Game	
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	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC		Hannity & Colmes (Live) CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		MSNBC Reports		MSNBC Investigates		Warrior Nation "Malice at the Palace"	
MOVIES	AMC	(5:00) ★★★ "Papillon" (1973, Suspense) Steve McQueen, Victor Jory. 'PG'				★★★★ "Rio Grande" (1950, Western) John Wayne, Ben Johnson. 'NR' CC				★★★★ "The Quiet Man" (1952, Drama) John Wayne. 'NR' CC			
	TCM	★★ "Thunder Road" (1958, Adventure) Robert Mitchum. 'PG' CC				★★★ "The Barefoot Contessa" (1954, Drama) Humphrey Bogart. 'NR' CC				(:15) ★★★★ "The Killers" (1946, Mystery) Burt Lancaster. 'NR' CC			
	HBO	Star Wars Ep. I	Pans Labyrinth	Inside the NFL CC		Rome Caesar becomes emperor.		Rome "The Spoils" CC		Lewis Black: Red, White & Screwed		★★ "Hard Target" (1993) 'R' CC	
	MAX	(5:45) ★★ "The Island" (2005, Action) Ewan McGregor. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "John Carpenter's Vampires" (1998, Horror) James Woods. 'R' CC				★★★ "King Kong" (2005) Naomi Watts. A beauty tames a savage beast.			
	SHOW	(4:45) ★★★ "Maverick" (1994) 'PG'		★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts. iTV. 'R' CC				The L Word "Legend in the Making"		Masters of Horror "We All Scream"		The Big Black Comedy Show (iTV)	
	TMC	★★ "Meet the Applegates" (1990) Ed Begley Jr. 'R'			★★ "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" (2005) Kimberly Elise. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "The Wood" (1999, Drama) Omar Epps, Taye Diggs. 'R' CC				Blood Simple 'R'
	STARZ!	Drop Dead	(:45) ★★★ "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995, Action) Bruce Willis, Jeremy Irons. 'R' CC					★ "Ultraviolet" (2006) Milla Jovovich. 'PG-13' CC			(:35) ★★ "The Matador" (2005) Pierce Brosnan. 'R' CC		
	ENCORE	(:15) ★ "Mallrats" (1995, Comedy) Shannen Doherty, Jason Lee. 'R' CC				★★ "Man of the House" (2005) Tommy Lee Jones. CC			(:45) ★★ "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" (2005) Laura Linney. 'PG-13' CC				State of Grace 'R'

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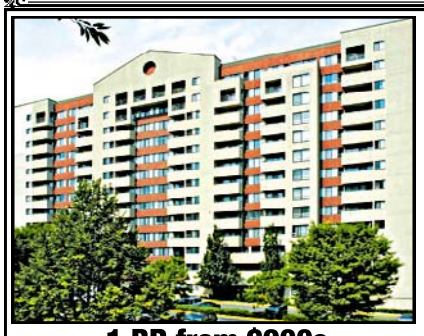

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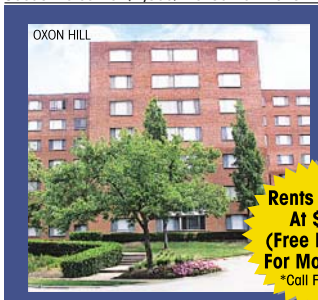

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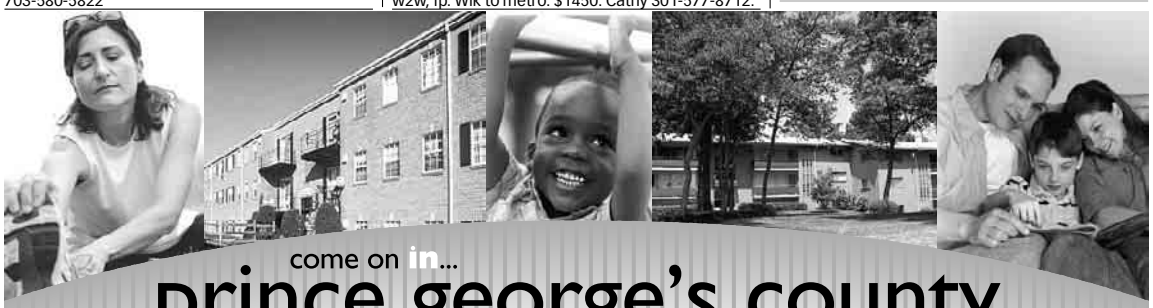

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Isuzu '93 Rodeo—$2700.00,OBO good cond, 126k mi, Grey ext, Grey int, 4 dr, automatic, rear win def, ps, pb,4X4, 240-882-6174

Jaguar 2002 XJ8—$18000, excellent cond, 57k mi, tan ext, beige int, 4 dr, mem seats, htd seats, lthr int, 703-799-0523

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Lincoln 2005 Navigator—Ultimate Ed., $32,900, Blk, excellent cond, nav, dvd/cd, lthr int, cooled/htd seats, mnrf, 540-845-3589

Mazda 2004 Mazda6—$14000, SW, good cond, 40k mi, Galaxy grey ext, Grey int, 4 dr, alloy wheels, 202 365 8916

Mercedes-Benz '97 C-Class—$9,200, exc cond, StarMark cert, 63k mi, Red ext, Beige int, 4 dr, alloy wheels, sunrf, abs, alarm, 301-236-4385

NISSAN '93 SENTRA—Auto, 4 door, runs great! 130K mi., $1,300. 202-744-7187

NISSAN '93 Altima— 188k mi, auto, good condition. $1400. Call 301-404-5870

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Saturn '00 LS—excellent cond, 86k mi, Blackberry ext, 4 dr, automatic, pw, cd, original owner, $4500 703-845-0345 evenings

Subaru 2003 Baja—Burgundy, 48k mi, 5-spd, loaded, excellent cond, maint up-to-date, new detail,premium sound 2405151732

TOYOTA 00 TUNDRA LMTD—4x4, Auto, 147k. $9,000/obo. Call 703-843-8366

Toyota 1994 Corolla—$1850 obo, excellent cond, 156k mi, Teal ext, Grey int, 4 dr, air ps, air dr, automatic, 301-526-7910

Toyota 1993 Camry—$1,500 obo, excellent cond, 171k mi, White ext, Blue/Grey int, 4 dr, air ps, pwr lck, 240-441-1955

Volkswagen 2000 Jetta—$8500, GLS V6, exc cond, 68k mi, Midnight Blue ext, Tan Leather int, sun/ moon roof, LOADED. new tires, VW serviced, no accidents. ken_eisner@email.com

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Travel

The history of skiing makes a new museum very cool

The popularity of skiing snowballed in America in the 1920s and '30s, creating a new industry for a number of companies that cropped up over schuss-happy Maine. Then came World War II.

"Please have patience," Maine's Bass Boots advertised to anxious ski-boot customers after it turned its attention to making cold-climate boots for troops. After the war ended, a new Bass ad in 1946 proclaimed the good news, "You can buy Bass boots again."

That's just one snippet of history on view at the new Ski Museum of Maine, which opened Dec. 1 in this college town in the heart of Maine ski country.

The history of skiing goes back thousands of years to northern Europe and Asia. Pieces of skis dating back 5,000 years have been found in peat bogs, and cave drawings just as old suggest early use of a form of skis, said Glenn Parkinson, author of "First Tracks: Stories from Maine's Skiing Heritage" and ski museum board member.

> "Heritage is the feel of the wet wool and the taste of the hot chocolate. ... It touches on the soul of the sport."
>
> **GLENN PARKINSON**, AUTHOR

The new museum helps to secure Maine's place in the sport through its collection of wooden and newer skis and equipment, ad displays reflecting earlier eras of skiing, and a growing archive of records, documents and memorabilia.

But it's more than just a collection of artifacts, Parkinson said.

It's also a place where Maine's skiing heritage is preserved, where visitors can relate what they see to their own feelings and memories.

"Heritage is the feel of the wet wool and the taste of the hot chocolate from the years gone by," Parkinson said. "It touches on the soul of the sport."

The museum is housed in the same building where the Sugarloaf USA logo, a blue and white triangle that's well-recognized in Maine and beyond, was first designed, according to the museum's consulting curator, Megan Roberts, a lifelong skier who is pictured in a couple of the photos on display.

LAKE PLACID SKI MUSEUM

SLIDE-THRU: An Olympic skiing feed station in 1932, when the sport began to take off.

The Maine Event

Maine follows other states, notably Colorado, and neighboring New Hampshire and Vermont, in establishing a ski museum. The New England Ski Museum, of which Parkinson is president, is located at Franconia, N.H. Vermont's ski museum is at Stowe.

The oldest piece on display is a ski resembling a weather-worn barnboard with a slightly bowed tip believed to date from the 1890s, a decade or so after the sport first caught on in Maine. Roberts said it was probably handmade and used by a farmer to get around in Maine's deep snow.

A pair of 8-foot-long wooden jumping skis as well as numerous sets of long, wooden skis, are also in the collection. The bindings — ranging from primitive leather toe-loops, to bear traps and more modern variations as the sport grew in popularity — reveal the ages of the skis.

A set of white skis and accompanying gaiters (a protective shell worn from knee to ankle to keep snow out) pay tribute to Mainers who were part of the famed 10th Mountain Division, an Army unit that trained in Colorado for winter and mountain warfare.

An early catalog of Theo. A. Johnson Co. of Portland, whose boat-building venture turned to skis a little more than a century ago, trumpeted "The Winter Sport of Skeeing." A Tubbs catalog gave a more elaborate pitch: "More and more, as people realize that an outdoor winter vacation on snow-clad hills and highways, on frozen lakes and rivers, is health-building — a tonic as essential as a summertime vacation in the open; skis will be in even greater demand."

The museum's present site may not be the permanent one, said Greg Sweetser of the Ski Maine Association and a Maine Ski Museum board member. But Farmington "is a great first home base," he said. GLENN ADAMS (AP)

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Colorful Metro Mix 'n' Match

METRORAIL | First, Metro extends the Yellow Line from Mount Vernon Square. Now the transit agency will be running trains all the way to Greenbelt, at least for this coming three-day weekend. A major switch replacement adjacent to the Arlington Cemetery station will force Blue Line trains to enter and exit the District via the Yellow Line's bridge over the Potomac River starting at 8 p.m. on Friday. Shuttle bus service will run between the Pentagon and Rosslyn stations, serving the Arlington Cemetery station, which will be closed. Blue Line trains will terminate at the Mount Vernon Square-7th Street-Convention Center station.

The service alterations will bring about other changes for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day three-day weekend.

Yellow Line trains will run from their normal Huntington terminal in Virginia to the Green Line's Greenbelt terminal in Maryland.

Orange Line trains will alternate their final Maryland destinations between the line's normal New Carrollton terminal and the Largo Town Center station, which would ordinarily only be served by the Blue Line. The Red and Green lines will run on their normal routes.

MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

What's That You Smell?

ODORS | In Thursday's print edition, we asked readers for their thoughts about the their fellow commuters' bad breath and whether it was a pressing problem. All those who wrote in agreed that those people who don't brush their teeth are a nuisance, as are people who just smell bad in general. Writes in reader Brenda Carter-Robinson:

AP

DETOURED: This weekend, you can't take the Blue Line to Farragut West.

"Yes, I think morning breath is definitely a problem. One morning, I smelled a woman's breath all the way across the [aisle]. No joke. A woman. If people talk to me and have bad breath, I turn my head and stop talking. I don't need to be sick first thing in the morning. We need to place ads and posters regarding 'Bad Breath.' Some of them might get the idea."

While Metro probably has more important problems to deal with than personal hygiene, a campaign to reduce the presence of human commuter odor probably can't hurt. M.G.

➜ Coming Up Today

The new year officially begins with galleries opening shows across town, including Cara Ober at Flashpoint, Melissa Ichiuji at Irvine Contemporary and Maria Friberg at Conner Contemporary. There's also a week's worth of performances at the brand-spankin'-new Meat Market.

Poll Center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should Democrats block funding to stop the troop "surge?"

1. Yes
2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Do you support raising the federal minimum wage?

YES	NO
84%	16%

As of 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Not a scientific poll

GIVE YOUR OPINION ON TODAY'S POLL QUESTION AND GET A STATION-BY-STATION BREAKDOWN OF HOW YOUR FELLOW METRORAIL COMMUTERS VOTED AT READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP

The Blog Log

"Given the national 61 percent disapproval rating for the ... escalation plan, recruitment might be yet another pothole on [Bush's] road to glory."

DESERTBEACON.BLOGSPOT.COM SAYS MILITARY RECRUITMENT MAY SUFFER FOLLOWING PRESIDENT BUSH'S NATIONAL TELEVISION ADDRESS ABOUT HIS NEW STRATEGY FOR THE IRAQ WAR.

Knees Together, Please

"Spreaders are men who sit next to you on the train and open their legs so wide that they invade your own leg space. I roll my eyes when I sit next to one and refuse to yield any of my own room."

PROFILESINTOOLNESS.COM HAS A NEW DEFINITION FOR SOME ANNOYING COMMUTERS ON METRORAIL.

Evaporating Support

"There will soon be oversight investigations and the president is so badly weakened that he cannot look to a substantial bloc in Congress to defend him. It is no longer in the Republicans' interests to defend him."

BOOMANTRIBUNE.COM ON THE REACTION OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO PRESIDENT BUSH'S IRAQ PLAN.

GETTY IMAGES

Attention, Mr. Leggett!

I've successfully made appointments with four council members for next month. Three other council members have yet to return my phone calls (including Valerie Ervin). Ditto for [County Executive] Ike Leggett. What's up with that Ike?"

JUSTUPTHEPIKE.BLOGSPOT.COM, A MONTGOMERY COUNTY BLOGGER, HAS BEEN TRYING TO SET UP, WITH PARTIAL SUCCESS, INTERVIEWS WITH COUNTY OFFICIALS.

Agent Zero's Mysterious 'Swag'

"So there you have it. On a scale of, say, one to five, Gil's swag was about a three tonight. Caron Butler's swag, however, reached phenomenal levels, thus the win for the Wiz. As time allows, I'll try to find out more about Gilbert's swag scale."

INFORMATIONLEAFBLOWER.COM, A CREDENTIALED BLOGGER COVERING THE WIZARDS, INTERVIEWED GILBERT ARENAS ABOUT HIS "SWAG" FACTOR FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY'S WIN OVER THE BULLS.

DO

GET SMART. We assume that, if you're reading the daily Do/Don't, you're pretty sharp already. But it never hurts to equip your brain with a few higher gears to operate on. Begin the installation process at Smartkit.com, which affords daily puzzles, research and tools to fine-tune your already impressive intelligence.

Live Online

Bard Festival

Washington Post theater critic **PETER MARKS** was online Thursday at washingtonpost.com to discuss Washington's six-month Shakespeare festival, which began this week.

Why do you think Washington is such a hospitable venue for Shakespeare's plays?

The Folger Shakespeare Library, a world-class repository of Shakespeare folios and quartos, is here and thus established a foundation for the Bard here. There's a huge pool of highly educated people here. And partly, it's due to the situating here of a lively theater scene and a cadre of actors who've become well versed in Shakespeare, so to speak.

Which American actors do you think are best able to speak Shakespeare's verse?

Kevin Kline — who is about to do Lear in New York — has proven himself very adept. Judging from "Shakespeare in Love," I imagine Gwyneth Paltrow might be quite good.

I'm from out of town. If I can get to D.C. only for several days, which performance or performances do you think I'd most not want to miss?

The "Coriolanus" that the RSC is bringing in April (April 13 to May 6) should be an event. The fab Janet Suzman is playing Volumnia. Gale Edwards is directing "Titus Andronicus" for the Shakespeare Theatre (April 3 to May 20) and just for the curiosity value, I'd go for that one. She's a very cinematic stage director, and that's one bloody play. Roger Rees, who was the original Nicholas Nickleby in the RSC's legendary adaptation, is doing a one-man Shakespeare show at the Folger in, I believe, March.

Arthur Lithgow, Michael Kahn and Joe Papp all brought Shakespeare to the American theater. Do you see any young American directors on the horizon who have their passion and dedication?

Jack O'Brien, who isn't that young, has been doing some sterling work. He's artistic director of the Old Globe in San Diego and is regularly directing Shakespeare in New York. Mary Zimmerman, a Chicago visionary, is always worth seeing.

TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Mary Wilson, founding member of the Supremes, discusses the new film "Dreamgirls" at 2 p.m. | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

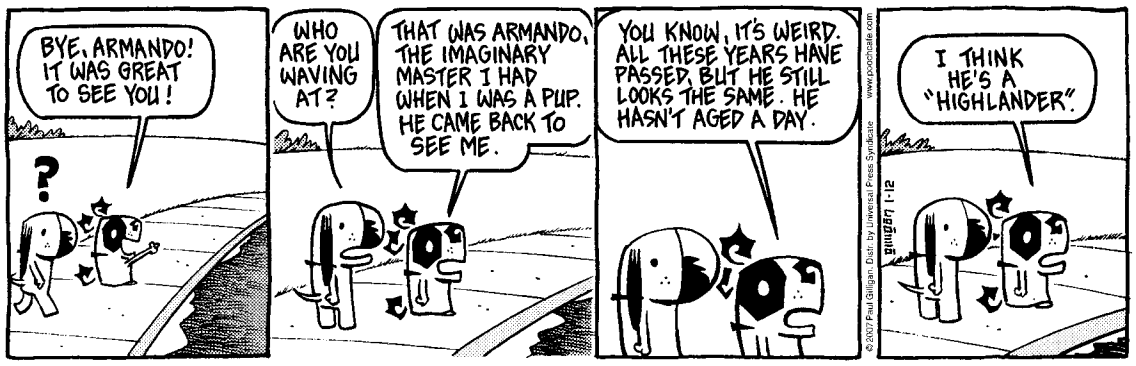
Look out

Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*

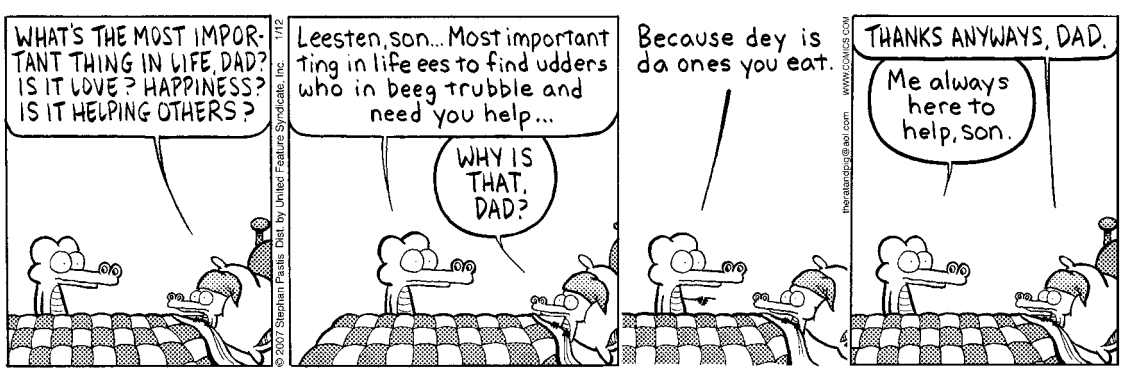
Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

Pickup lines for heroes.

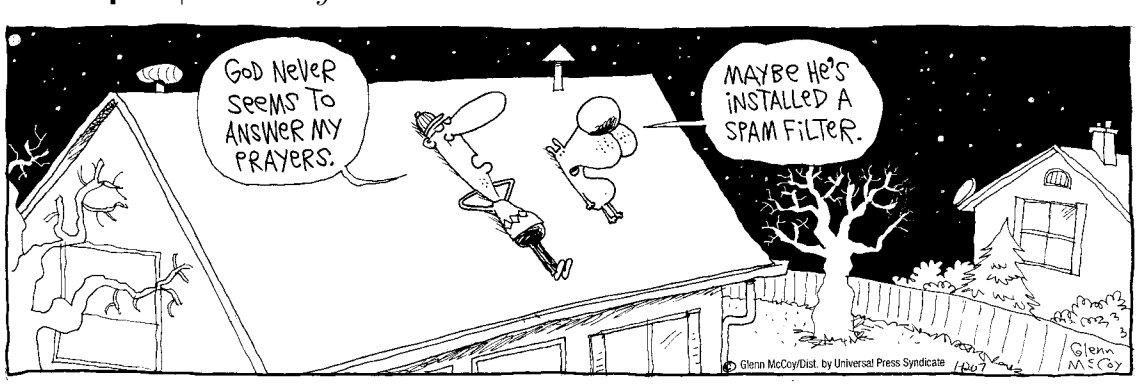
Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Following your plans to the letter may not be possible. Your best bet is to remain flexible while trying to do what is on your docket.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You must be ready and willing to step in at a moment's notice in order to keep a volatile situation from blowing up in someone's face.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Even the most routine developments are likely to take on greater significance than usual. Put your fears behind you; look forward.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something is growing faster than expected, and you must work harder than usual to keep up with it as you avoid unforeseen obstacles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may find yourself influenced by external forces — and you may want to keep accurate notes so that you can learn from your past.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are very close to a decision that will affect a great many people in and out of your own immediate circle of friends. Use great care.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're in no mood to dictate what others are to do at this time, but if you don't, who will? Try employing some gentle, timely persuasion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You must trust that you'll know what to do when faced with a difficult situation. You don't know just what it will be, but you can see it coming.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Valuable information comes your way, but you may not know just how to respond until you know just what your sources really are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll have the chance to spare someone else a great deal of hardship and embarrassment — and increase your own standing in the process.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You'll be tempted by something or someone before the day is out, and you must be sure you're acting in a responsible manner at all times.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're likely to get where you need to be — just in time. You may not have the luxury of rethinking your plans; you must swing into action.

Letters

Control Anger on Metro

I'VE WITNESSED SEVERAL extremely rude and unruly commuters on the Orange Line who need to realize they aren't the only ones who use public transportation. Adults should know better than to throw temper tantrums and almost come to blows over trivial matters. Is waiting six minutes for a train really that bad? Is it really necessary to frighten everyone around you by shouting expletives at the top of your lungs? If you have an anger management problem, please seek professional help. You're making the rest of us miserable.

—KATE MAXWELL
Ashburn, Va.

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Today in History

1915 The U.S. House of Representatives rejects a proposal to give women the right to vote.

1932 Hattie W. Caraway becomes the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

1976 Mystery writer Dame Agatha Christie dies in Wallingford, England, at age 85.

1997 The shuttle Atlantis blasts off on a mission to pick up American astronaut John Blaha from the Russian space station Mir.

2002 Michelle Kwan wins her fifth successive U.S. Figure Skating Championships crown and sixth overall.

SCOTT NELSON/AFP

American skater Michelle Kwan completes her winning free-skate routine.

Look out | People

MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

Smiths' son's death is still not resolved.

INQUESTS

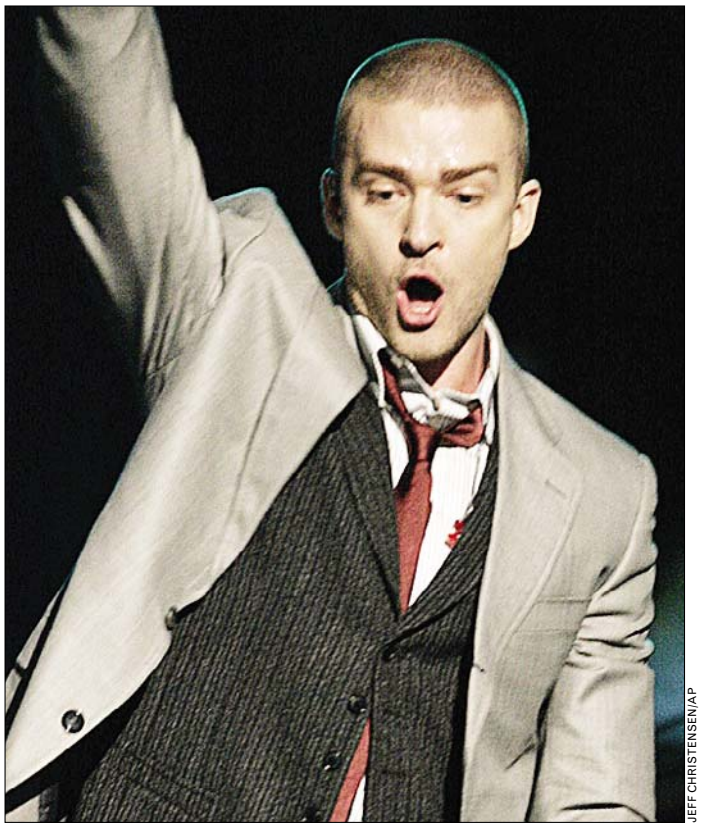
Decision on Inquest Into ANS' Son to Be Made Soon

The Bahamas' top prosecutor says a decision will be made soon on whether an inquest is needed into the death of **ANNA NICOLE SMITH**'s son, Daniel. The results of a police investigation will be given to Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez. He or another magistrate will decide whether an inquest is necessary. (AP)

NICE TRY

Madonna Also Feels Death Is Unfair and Should Stop

"People are giving Rosie a hard time," **MADONNA** said Thursday on the "Today" show in defense of her good friend Rosie O'Donnell, who's been bashed by Donald Trump. "I wish they'd stop. I don't think it's fair." (AP)



JEFF CHRISTENSEN/AP

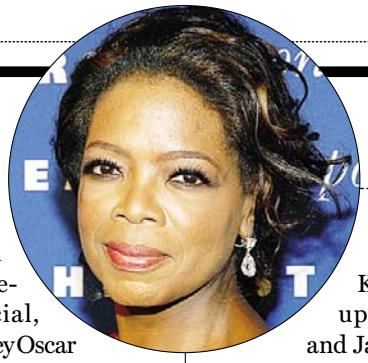
MORE FUN NOW

Monogamy = Dull

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE and Cameron Diaz are officially no more. A joint statement from their respective publicists confirmed the breakup Thursday. "We have, in fact, ended our romantic relationship, and have done so mutually and as friends, with continued love and respect for one another," the statement said. They'd been dating for more than three years. (EXPRESS)

WORDS

You Can Call It Delegating, Or Call It Lazy



Movie stars can do all my work forever!

OPRAH WINFREY will host her own prime-time Oscar special, "The Oprah Winfrey Oscar Special," media sources reported. Oprah herself will not spend much time on screen, preferring to leave the interviews to other Oscar winners. Julia Roberts will interview George Clooney at his home, Nicole Kidman will chat up Russell Crowe, and Jamie Foxx will ply Sidney Poitier with questions. Oprah will still tape a live version of her talk show from the Kodak Theater the day after the Oscars. (EXPRESS)

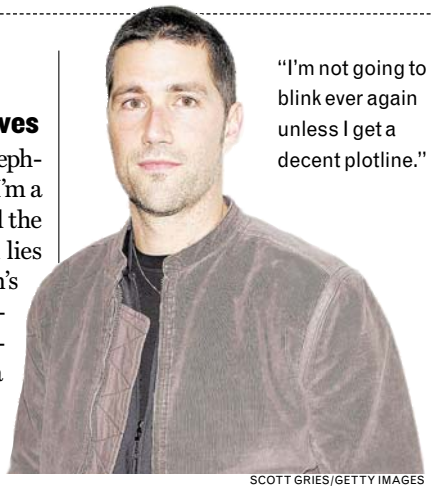
BIRTHS

Married With More Children

Former "Married With Children" star **KATEY SAGAL**, 52, gave birth to daughter Esme Louise on Wednesday. It's her first child with husband Kurt Sutter, 43, a television producer, E! Online reported. She has two children from a previous marriage — Sarah, 12, and Jackson, 10. (EXPRESS)

ONLY EXPLANATION

Fox Vows to Act Really Creepy Until 'Lost' Improves



"I'm not going to blink ever again unless I get a decent plotline."

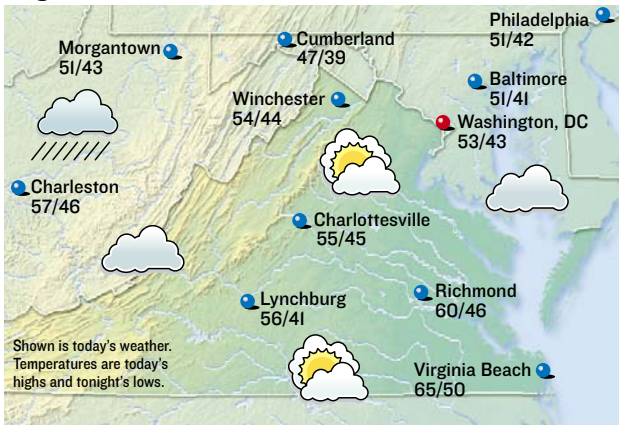
MATTHEW FOX, who plays Jack Shephard on "Lost," has a dark side. "I'm a liar and a cheat and a thief and the ultimate manipulator. ... I tell lies every day," the actor tells Men's Journal. Fox also enjoys skinny-dipping, because he's comfortable in the nude. "When I was a kid, there wasn't a huge delineation in our family between having clothes on or not." (AP)

SCOTT GRIES/GETTY IMAGES

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Party sunny, then cloudy, mild	Cloudy, a little rain	Mostly cloudy, a shower possible	Colder, rain possible	Windy, periods of rain	Partly sunny, breezy, colder
53°	43°	57° / 36°	48° / 40°	56° / 40°	40° / 26°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	42°
Low	26°
Normal high	42°
Normal low	27°
Average humidity	54%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.97"
Normal month to date	1.15"
Year to date	1.97"
Last year to date	0.66"
Normal year to date	1.15"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

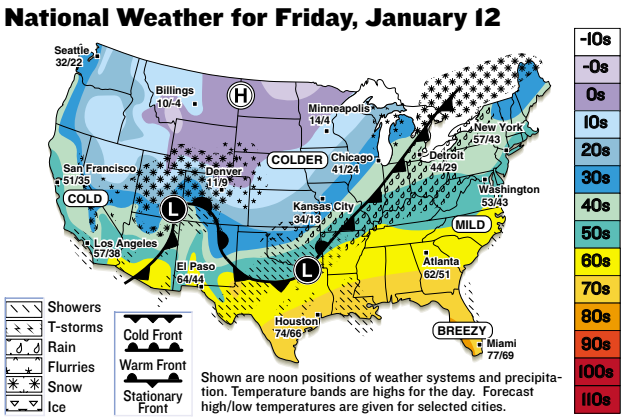
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, then cloudy. High 53. Wind southwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, a little rain. Low 43. Wind southwest 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:26 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:07 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:16 a.m.
Moonset today	11:50 a.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 2	Feb 10

National Weather for Friday, January 12



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	62/51/pc	66/51/pc
Boston	50/39/c	48/27/c
Chicago	41/24/i	32/25/c
Dallas	62/38/t	39/38/r
Denver	11/9/sn	15/10/sn
Honolulu	81/69/s	81/68/s
Los Angeles	57/38/pc	59/38/s
Miami	77/69/pc	80/68/pc
New York City	57/43/pc	52/35/c
Orlando	76/55/pc	78/57/pc
Seattle	32/22/pc	37/28/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	50/48/sh	52/45/c
Athens	63/46/pc	55/39/s
Berlin	45/43/sh	50/45/r
Buenos Aires	90/75/s	88/72/s
Calgary	24/6/s	15/-2/c
Dublin	52/45/sh	48/37/r
Geneva	57/48/sh	51/35/s
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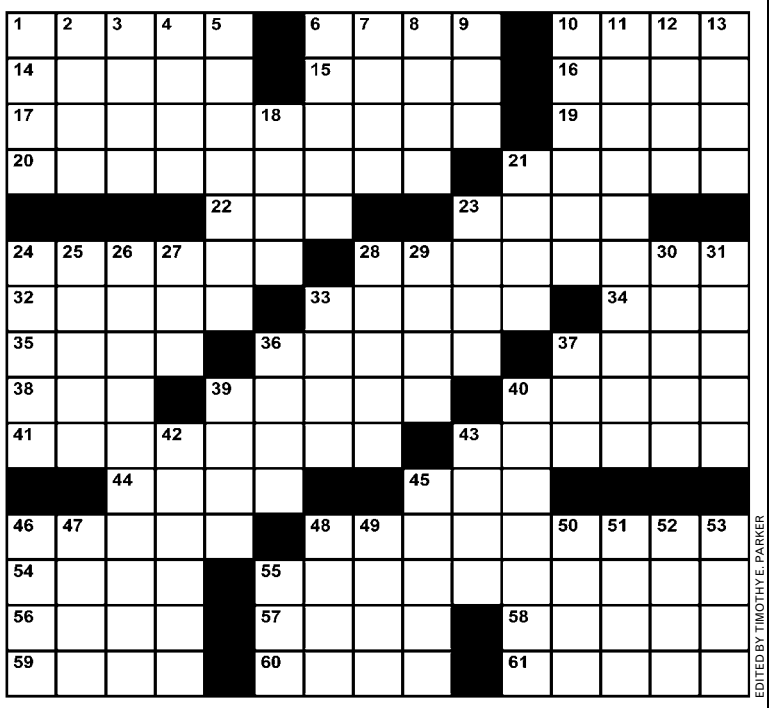

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1 Sixth U.S. president
6 Hair controllers
10 Whatever you just pointed to
14 Door sound, sometimes
15 Guard on the deck
16 "Arabian Nights" creatures
17 Tumultuous
19 Noted volcano
20 Salve
21 Modern weapon
22 Not well
23 Kind of builder
24 Data transmission path
28 Old maid
32 Coastline
33 Card with black pips
34 Bride of a famous musician
35 Britain's Brighton and ___
36 Go round the rink
37 Explorer Sverdrup
38 Elmira-to-Albany dir.
39 Le quai des Tuileries adjoins it
40 Used a surgical beam
41 Carrie Fisher's mom
43 Greek woodland deities
44 Barbie, e.g.
45 Tarzan-film character
46 Popular fly catcher
48 Rob Reiner's mock rock band
54 Use soap
55 Pint-sized
56 It can bring the heat
57 Oboist's purchase
58 "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" regular
59 Author Angelou
60 Problems for parents and babysitters
61 Banana song title start

DOWN
1 Charley horse, e.g.
2 Tom-tom, e.g.
3 Prefix with "ballistic"
4 Shopper's mecca
5 Famed N.Y.C. sight
6 Oliver's porridge
7 Make money, e.g.
8 Tuneful tune
9 Like a fox
10 Firestone features
11 A-OK
12 Adolescent affliction
13 Nicholas, for one
18 Sting
21 Muscular fitness
23 Wait awhile
24 One who finds seats yet still stands
25 Call
26 Really affectionate
27 Fury
28 Periods of time
29 Fancy spread
30 Reply to a knock
31 Crosses
33 Slide
36 Trader's word
37 Quaker grain?
39 Shoe part
40 Department store plan, perhaps
42 Nine days of prayer
43 Electronics brand
45 Tight spots
46 Seize, slangily
47 Molten rock
48 Come across as
49 Voyeur's look-see
50 ___ majeste
51 They come betweens fives and twenties
52 From the beginning
53 Combustible heap
55 Prefix meaning "three"

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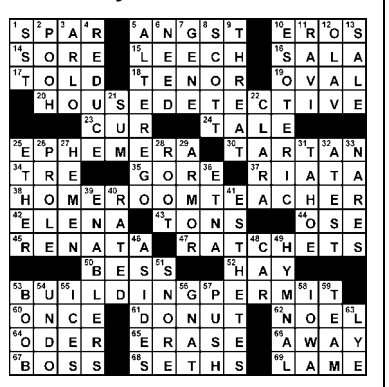

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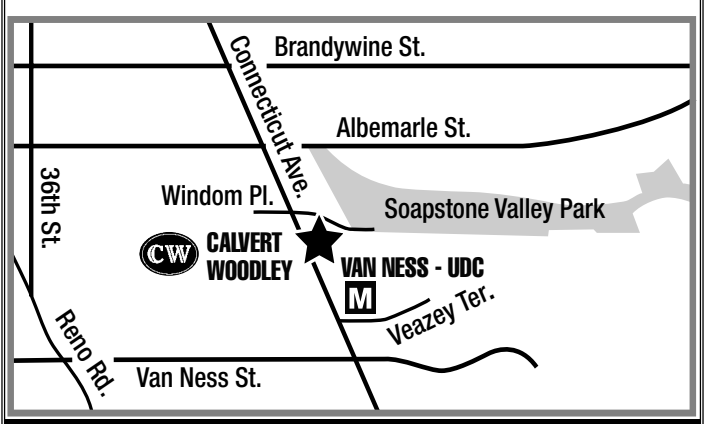

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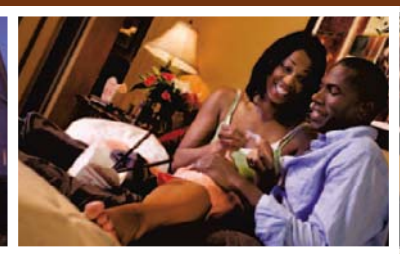

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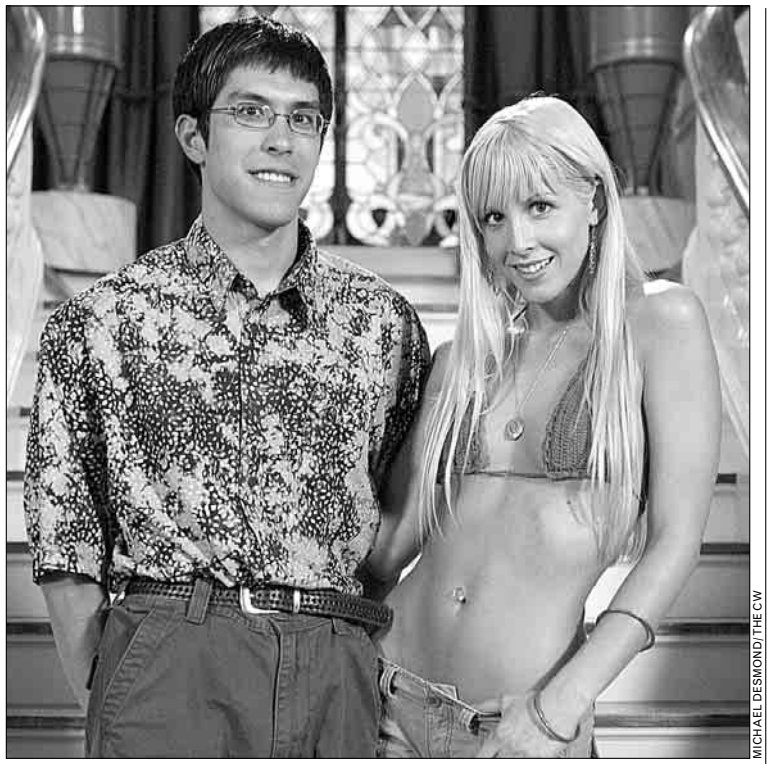
face Q+A time

■ **Bragging about** his future Ph.D. in electrical engineering wasn't scoring ladies' digits, so Silver Spring native Niels Hoven signed up for the CW reality hit "Beauty and the Geek," which pairs smart, socially inept guys with stunning but slow gals. We don't know whether Hoven made the finals, but he's got game. He's dropped the degree to become a full-time dating coach.



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Niels Hoven

'BEAUTY AND THE GEEK' STAR, DATING COACH

What's that white bodysuit you're wearing on the CW Web site?
That's a polypropylene body suit that was a Christmas present from my sister. When I was [a grad student] at Berkeley, we didn't always want to pay for heat, so I'd put that on and be nice and toasty warm.

Are those highlights in your hair on the show?
Right now, I don't have any color in my hair. But there's a salon in Berkeley that had a trainee day and they brought me in to be a hair model and I got highlights. I had never done much with my hair. From fourth grade until two years into grad school, my hair was always just cut with clippers. But now I understand how important it is to presenting your image.

And I understand you cook?
One of the best things I've made was when a friend and I bought cast-iron pans. We found a recipe for Dutch Babies, which you can get at the Original Pancake House in Bethesda. So we made it and we split it together and it was incredibly delicious. But we were wondering why we were so full, and then realized the recipe had called for a stick of butter and a half-dozen eggs and we had just eaten the whole thing. It took me a week to recover.

Were you a geek in high school?
Dork would have been my preferred term in the spectrum of nerd, dork and geek. I think of dorks as socially awkward guys who are fun to be around. But I didn't go on a date until I was 20.

What do you do when you're in D.C.?
I've started going to bars and clubs now. I like the Reef in Adams Morgan because it has a nice roof and you can talk to people.

In the first two episodes, you seem obsessed with breasts.
I feel like my character on the show is one-dimensional so far. I like boobs, but I have other endearing qualities. One of the biggest things I got out of the show was that looks aren't everything. Being locked in a house with women who are attractive but a little off some of the time clinched that. I want someone who is emotionally healthy and low-maintenance.

Are you a different person now?
I'm much more outgoing. I'm still an introvert, but I'm an outgoing introvert.

> "I think of dorks as socially awkward guys who are fun to be around."

What's your standard pick-up line?
It's so good, I don't want to give it away. Let me think of one I don't use all of the time. Here's one of my favorites: "Sorry I'm late, guys." You walk up to a random group of people and say that and everyone laughs and you have a bunch of new friends.

Any more social life goals?
There are still situations I feel anxious in. For me, right now, it's something I'm getting good at, but I have to think about it. I want it to become who I am so I don't have to remember to flirt and talk to everybody.

VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

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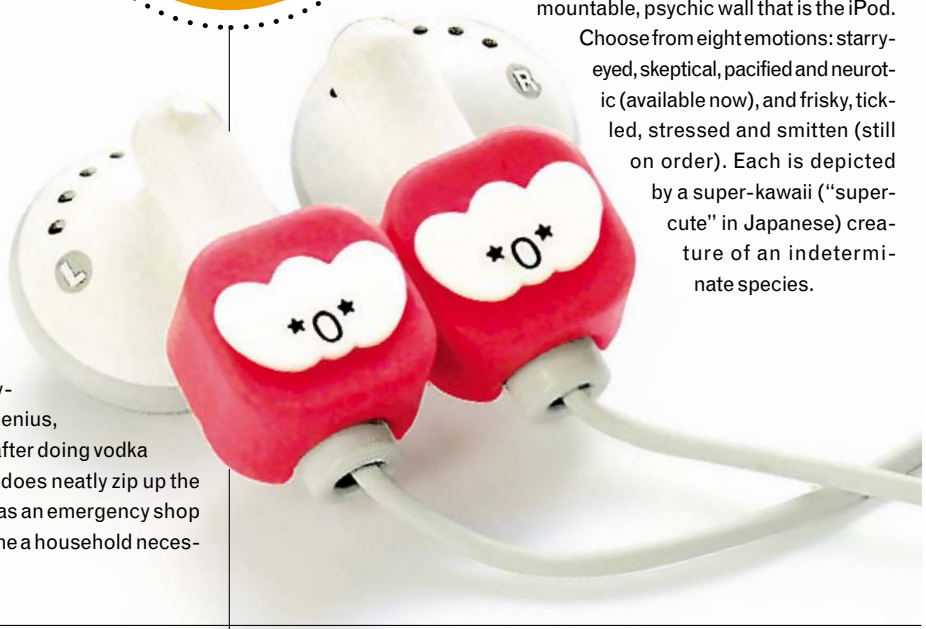
Grab Bag

1 Sweeping Changes

READIVAC'S POWERPAN ($15, target.com), a dust catcher with a built-in vacuum, promises to gobble up that annoying thin line of shmutz the broom leaves behind. It sounds genius, like something Martha Stewart and Steve Jobs conceived after doing vodka shots. And, yep, the battery-run, shiny blue plastic gizmo does neatly zip up the crumb line. The thing also boasts enough suction to serve as an emergency shop vac. But we wonder whether the Powerpan might not become a household necessity in this golden age of Swiffers?



4 Little Ear Friends

WHEN AN IPOD can easily acquire a full wardrobe (if you don't believe us, visit iattire.net), why must earbuds go naked? Emotibuds ($3.95 a pair, futuronomie.com) tell the world what people are thinking behind the invisible, yet insurmountable, psychic wall that is the iPod. Choose from eight emotions: starry-eyed, skeptical, pacified and neurotic (available now), and frisky, tickled, stressed and smitten (still on order). Each is depicted by a super-kawaii ("super-cute" in Japanese) creature of an indeterminate species.

5 Dark, Milk and Delish

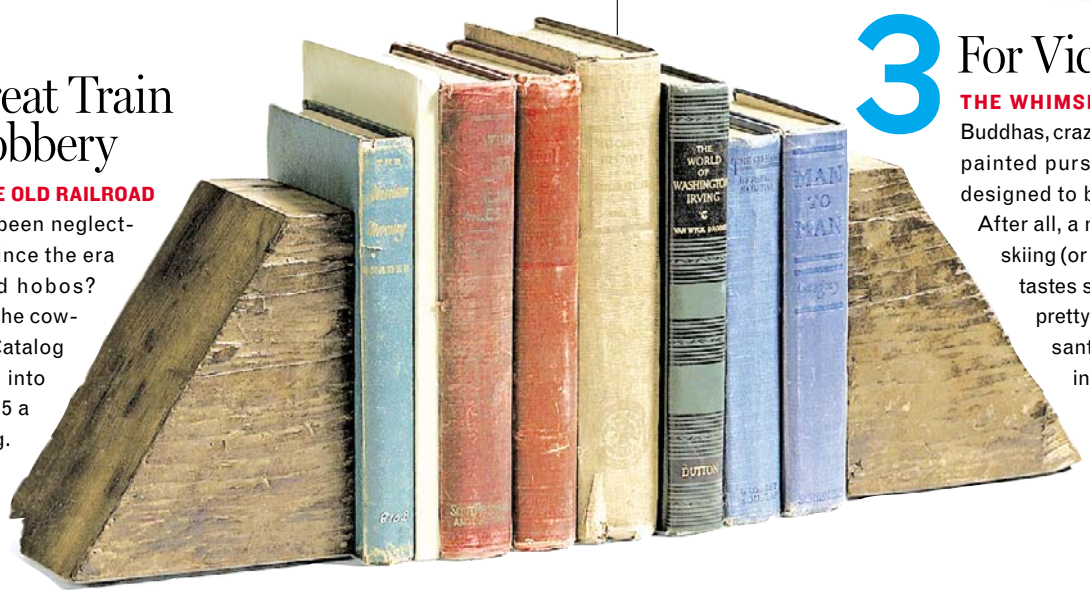
DE VINOS BROUGHT FINE WINE to Adams Morgan, and now Biagio (1904 18th St. NW; 202-328-1506) is helping pair it with divine chocolate. The bright box of a store hawks a worldly array of brands, including Weiss (those are dark chocolate-coated candied orange peels at left, $10), Marie Belle and Alexandria-based Christopher's Confections.

3 For Vice or Nice

THE WHIMSICAL designs (chill Buddhas, crazed skiers) on Pylones' painted purse/pocket pals seem designed to brighten winter days. After all, a nip of schnapps after skiing (or during a dull meeting) tastes sweeter sipped from a pretty flask, and antidepressants look cheery sitting in a twee tin. ($18- $38, Proper Topper, 1350 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-842-3055)

2 Great Train Robbery

HAVE OLD RAILROAD ties been neglected since the era of Pullman cars and hobos? Apparently so, since the cowboy-cool Sundance Catalog is now recycling them into Toltec Bookends ($55 a set, sundancecatalog.com). Use 'em to prop up your collection of Robert Redford DVDs or Zane Grey novels.



dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

What types of shoes should I wear with a long denim skirt? And what is your opinion of wearing sneakers with a long skirt? —CARRIE

■ Manolo says, this is the rare question that presents two potential fashion disasters in the same sentence.

In answer to the first question, what to wear with the long denim skirt, the Manolo would answer "the house slippers", as he would not want you to leave the home with this upon your body.

The long denim skirt says one of the two things to the Manolo: Yippee-ki-yay! Calamity Jane has finally come to town! Or this woman is the suburban matron on the way to her home

square canning classes.

As for the wearing of the sneakers with the long skirts, the Manolo would say absolutely not, unless you are a) the 18-year-old hottie, in which case you may wear with impunity anything up to and including the burlap sack, or b) if you wish to look exactly like the Jan and the Dean's "Little Old Lady From Pasadena": Go Granny, Go Granny, Go Granny, Go.

What should one wear with the non-denim casual long skirt? The Manolo recommends something like this charming "Work-V" flat from the Delman ($224, zappos.com).

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Express Top Model Jennifer wears a Juicy Couture hoodie ($295, Urban Chic, 1626 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5398). **Photo by Michelle Repiso. Styling by Rob Conner of The Artist Agency.**

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Platter-Day Saints

It's sweet to trot out family china for dinner parties. But maybe all Granny gave you was a fussy old-fashioned pattern with gold trim. And that Tiffany stuff is neither up your alley nor in your budget. Think of new plates as a dress-up necessity for the dining room, on par with getting a new outfit for a bash. Go Mama Go's Noi Chudnoff, whose shop carries many plates, said dishes in bold, simple colors will make a tabletop pop. "Plates with clean lines are good. Whatever you put on them stands out," she said. Here are pieces as tasty as the food you'll serve. MAURA JUDKIS

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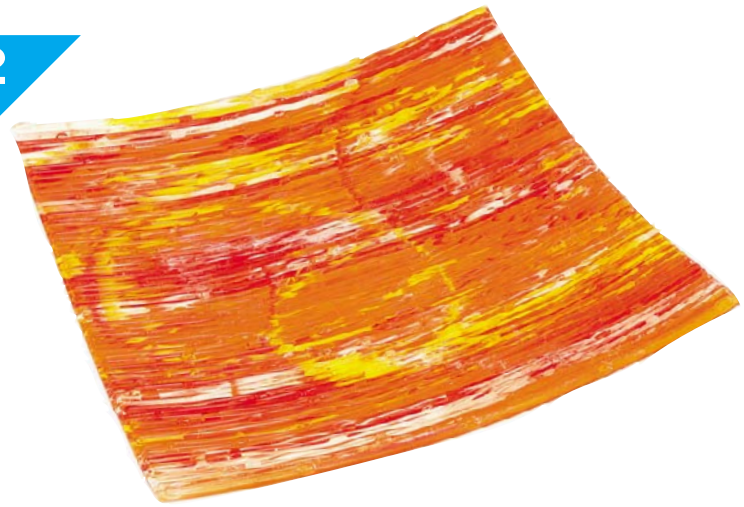

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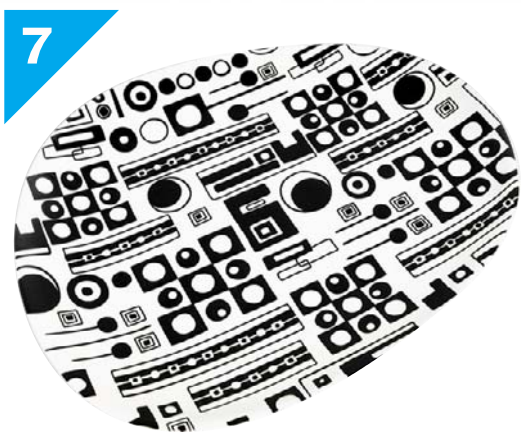

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(1) Shadowy trees on frosted glass summon chilly scenes of winter. ($32, Go Mama Go, 1809 14th St. NW; 202-299-0850) **(2) This "Inferno"** plate from Urban Essentials was fused from sunny colors of glass. ($50, 1330 U St. NW; 202-299-0640) **(3) Do your parties** devolve into plate-throwing brawls? Avoid breakage with Kiln Enamel's Rouleau de Fer enameled metal beauties. ($24.50, Vivi, 7254 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda) **(4) Planning a Herculean soiree?** Serve the feast on Jonathan Adler's Greek-key border setting based on ancient designs. ($50 a setting, etabletop.com) **(5) Bodo Sperelein's** serene red berries stand out against white bone china. ($72, clio-home.com) **(6) Zen-like and sleek,** Japanese plates feature a crackled red glaze and a charcoal black underside. ($18, Go Mama Go) **(7) Having hepcats** or Mondrian-loving painters over for a snack? Dole 'em out vittles on Pier 1's black and white egg-shaped plates. ($10, pier1.com) **(8) Is that Jackie O?** A retro fashionista stars on femme melamine dinnerware. ($40 for four different plates, wishingfish.com) **(9) Students at** Savannah College of Art and Design designed melamine dishes in a pattern reminiscent of henna tattoos. ($12, clio-home.com)

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GETTY IMAGES

The Dirt on Clean

How to make your house immaculate without fuss

Jeff Bredenberg promises readers he'll teach them "How to Cheat at Cleaning" ($13, Taunton Press). But his trickery is mostly time-saving tips that will make their pads legitimately spotless — or at least close enough. He talked to Express' Vicky Hallett about the wonder of wipes and de-cluttering.

You don't really cheat. Aren't you just more efficient?
Cheating can be defined in a few ways — cutting corners, sweeping dust under the rug, going against tradition. It's a broad term.

I was shocked by your suggestion to throw out things without telling anyone. Do you do that?
Of course. The thing that drives me nuts is that we have three cats. When everybody else is getting a present at the holidays, the cats always seem to each get a catnip toy that's designed to just lie on the floor. Rather than go to the kids and take a poll on one of the toys that's been there for a year, I'll slip one of those in the trash.

What do you do when you find out your mother-in-law is coming in 15 minutes?
In a situation like that, you want to deal with illusion rather than actual cleaning. If there's a big mountain of dishes in the sink, fill it with water and squirt some soap in — then it looks like there's cleaning in progress. Answer the door in rubber gloves. Throw magazines in a rack, get kids' toys tossed into bins. Work on visual clutter. No one's looking for dust bunnies under the couch.

Your minimalist approach seems drastic. Can people really cut back to one picture frame?
If you can't see yourself doing something suggested in this book, don't. But one picture frame — or one per family member — is better than 35 pictures. They have all of those nooks and crannies and that velvet backing that attracts dust.

What cleaning implements are you obsessed with?
I love wipes. If you use sanitizing wipes in the bathroom, you can hold off weeks before a thorough cleaning.

And you have a thing for your Roomba?
I love the idea of robots entering our homes. When I was a kid, I watched "The Jetsons," and now we really have robots that clean up. It'll do a light vacuuming when you're not there, so that extends the times between when you need to do a deep cleaning.

How disposable can you make everything in your life?
A lot of things you don't need to view as permanent. Take shower liners. They perform their function for several months, but then they get streaky. You can try to clean them, but they're never going to look nearly as cool, and a new one only costs a couple of bucks. What people would be comfortable with in terms of furniture is having three pieces of nice stuff that you really polish and take care of, and the rest can cycle through your life.

> "If there's a mountain of dishes in the sink, fill it with water and soap."

How do you know whether to hire help?
Think about how much you make per hour and how much you would pay someone else to clean up for you. If it helps you work more and make more money, that would make sense. Then think about if you're comfortable with the way your house looks. Are you perpetually never able to feel good about your home? Then, you might want to hire someone to come once a month. If you hit a particularly harried three weeks, you can ask that person to come once a week and you'll already have a relationship with a trusted person.

QUICK PICK-UP ►► AVOID CLEANING AS LONG AS POSSIBLE

Tidying the Throne Room

With wipes, one can accomplish anything — even putting off cleaning the bathroom for ages. Just follow Jeff Bredenberg's one-minute regimen twice a week. From "How to Cheat at Cleaning": Take an all-purpose or glass-cleaning wipe and clean the mirror and the window, then use it to pick up any accumulated dust or grime around the top of the tub, the top edge of the tile and, last, the base of the toilet. Toss the wipe out. Now take a disinfecting wipe and clean the faucet, the countertop, the toilet handle and the toilet seat. Toss it. Take another disinfecting wipe and run it across the top rim of the tub and the sides, and across the drain to pick up any hair.

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BOOKS

Road Trip Roundup

Whether it's the incessant countdown to "South of the Border" or just a handy way to accumulate letters for the Alphabet Game, billboards worm their way into our brains. "Great American Billboards" ($20, Ten Speed Press) by Fred E. Basten is a history of advertising monoliths from 1890 to today. The best are posters from World War II, with slogans such as "When you ride alone, you ride with Hitler!" to convince people to carpool, and depictions like the 1943 puppy, above, whose owner died at war because you couldn't keep your mouth shut. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

BOOKS

Girls Can Do Stuff

"The Tuff Chix Guide to Easy Home Improvement" ($16, Plume) by "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" handywoman Paige Hemmis is a pantheon of pink — a pink cover with Hemmis in a pink shirt, hat and tool belt, pink diagrams inside, pink chapter headings. So you know it's for the ladies. The instructions, for projects like caulking tubs and installing deadbolts, are clear enough, but the overwhelming stench of girl power makes the book worthy of an eye-roll or two. K.P.K.

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A REAL SOFTIE
Everyone will want to pet wearers of Beth Bowley's silky mohair jacket. And for those cold-all-the-time types, it can sub for bulky layers in office, dining or shopping environments. ($308, Sugar, 1633 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-5331)

WITH-IT BAND
A winter hair accessory doesn't have to give you dreaded hat-head. Instead, channel your inner Nordic goddess with a sweater headband of wool and angora. But pair it with braids and you'll risk looking too Heidi-ish. ($13, Anthropologie)

TOAST MASTER
Not just for Paul Bunyan, country-fried plaid flannel appeals even to city girls when rendered in an urban form, like a B.B. Dakota vest with faux fur-edged hood. Its camp-mates? Jeans or a mini and tights. ($45, Up Against The Wall, 3219 M St. NW; 202-337-9316)

CABLE THE ISSUE
Your chalet or mine? The sweater dress, an '80s fave, is resurrected by Diane von Furstenberg's turtleneck-optional dress — just button the collar for extra warmth. ($415, shopbop.com). Wear it with Michael Kors' suede booties with faux shearling lining ($150, shopbop.com). Way-beyond-Jazzercise leg warmers stand in for tights. ($30, Abercrombie and Fitch)

HOT POCKET
A fisherman's sweater-style knit goes uptown on an alpaca and leather tote. It'd pair prettily with a wool blazer or a thin cashmere turtleneck, but leave it at home when wearing a heavy sweater to avoid looking too matchy. ($100, Anthropologie)

WRAP STAR
Wanna boldly walk into blustery Washington winds? Try a 7-foot long, slightly shaggy lambswool scarf hand-knit in Uruguay. ($39, vivaterra.com)

Wooly, Mammoth

ar bears may be about to be declared an dangered species, but there's no shortage urry, fuzzy, cold-busting clothing this time ear. Though frosty temps have been rare ate, when Old Dude Winter comes back, ole knits, faux fur and other styles look d feel cozy. Fashions range from après-ski ek (shearling-lined boots) to homespun-king (sweater skirts, scarves Grandma ght've made). Best of all, with spring on way, many toasty trends are going sale prices. That'd warm any w bunny's heart. ASHLEY JOY PARKER

FACE WARMER
Keep ears Caribbean warm despite Yukon temperatures with an oversized, Sherlock Holmes-goes-hip tweed cap with side flaps and faux fur lining. ($18, Up Against The Wall, 3219 M St. NW; 202-337-9316)

FOX STAR
Mock fur rims the detachable hood of For Love and Liberty's cotton zip-up. Goth patches add edginess. ($163, Alex Boutique, 1919 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-296-2610)

FROST FIGHTERS
Bad-weather boots are an investment, since (in non-el Nino years) you'll wear them for months. Choose a durable-yet-stylish pair like Timberlands' suede babies with faux shearling linings. ($150, garnethill.com)

FUZZ BUSTERS
Rabbits and Indian goats have soft coats, which must be why Garnet Hill's cashmere/angora/wool mufflers feel so darn snugly. ($58 each, garnethill.com)

SNOW FLOWER
Riffing on much-pricier Chanel camellia brooches, this knit posy pin adds a snippet of spring to a velvet blazer or dark cotton blouse. A pearl center and metallic thread running through the yarn make it stand out. ($6.50, Icing by Claire's)

SK8ER GIRL
Like something an old-school figure skater might've worn, a knee-length skirt made from gray merino would cut a sharp figure with a retro cape or fitted blazer. ($248, Anthropologie)

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"Do they have peanut butter and banana sandwiches in heaven?"

"Why did you rip off Jackie Wilson so badly?"

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SEEKING ANSWERS ON THE TOWN

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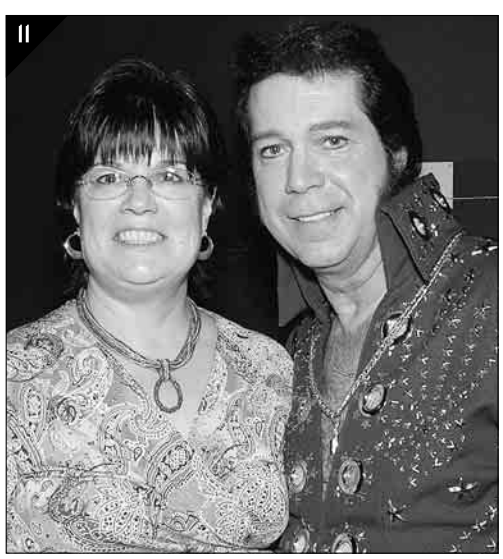
1. How's your hound dog?" Margo Shiffert. **"Do they have peanut butter and banana sandwiches in heaven?"** Bob Ford. **2. "Would you take me out?"** Sheila Canard. **3. "Would you sing us a song? If he walks in, he'd better sing us a song,"** Michael Ratcliffe. **4. "Were you really on the same island as Tupac and Jim Morrison?"** Bobby Quick, left. **"What drug combination did you take? I know that's morbid,"** Rachel Schultz, center. **"What was it like to meet Nixon?"** David Hinchliffe. **5. "How much did it hurt when you had your head shaved [for the Army]?** Duane Taylor, with Emily Levien. **6. "Are the sideburns real?"** Kathy McKeown, left. **"How many jumpsuits do you have?"** Stacie Wilcox. **7. "Why did you rip off Jackie Wilson so badly?"** Pete Bold, with Angela Oncken **8. "Do you have a BeDazzler?"** Sharon Foster. **9. "Do you wear briefs?"** Arthur Hinson, right. **"What's your favorite band today?"** Jarrett Taubman, left. **10. "I'd just ask to borrow his sunglasses,"** Logan Kapinus, left. **"Can I get you a bacon and peanut butter sandwich?"** Mark Mooney. **11. "Where have you been so long? But I think he's dead,"** Carol Crum, left. **"Can I sing along with you? It doesn't matter what,"** Brad Crum. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

"Do you have a BeDazzler?"



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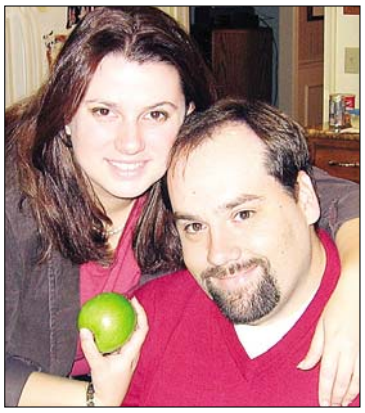


Matthew Loughran, Eleanor Sever

Matt, 31, is a first-year law student at Rutgers University. Ellie, 25, is a recruiter for InfoCurrent. They live in McLean.

■ **The Main Event:** A "simple but elegant beach wedding" in North Carolina. They expect 90 to 100 guests on June 9.

■ **How They Met:** At work. "I first saw her when I came out to play for the softball team," Matt said. "Then I discovered that her office was a floor directly beneath mine. I suddenly discovered that the copier on her floor was faster than the one on my floor, which forced me to go downstairs every morning to make copies."

■ **First Impressions:** "I thought Matt was one of the funniest people I had ever met," Ellie said. "Plus, he has this cute cuddly bear quality about him."

■ **How He Proposed:** While vacationing at Matt's family's beach house in 2006. "She tackled me and kissed me and lay on top of me smiling for about five minutes before I had to remind her that she had not actually answered," Matt said.

■ **Stupidest Fight:** Over how to hold a dog leash. "The irony is we don't even have a dog," Ellie said.

■ **The Dress:** "I tease Matt that it's turquoise with giant pink polka dots all over it," Ellie said.

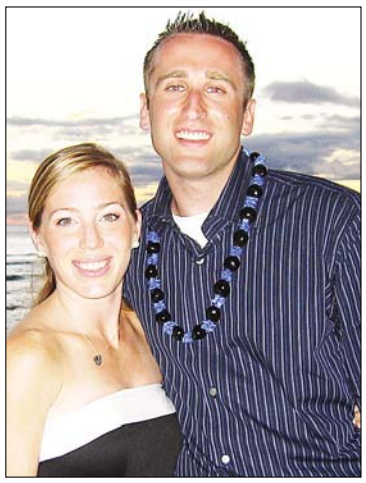
■ **Making It Unique:** "I keep threatening that I will ride up to the ceremony on a jet ski," Matt said. "That would make it unique."

"Every morning, I just 'happened' to bump into her at the copier."

Hey, Mom and Dad ...

EDWARD BAYRON and **AI TAKANABE** are going to have to put up with "Love Boat" jokes for the rest of their lives. That's because they met on a cruise ship in 2003, when he was assigned to work on her ship. "I saw her across the dining room and asked other staff if the attractive gal in the nice white officer's uniform was Japanese." (She is.) Months later, when Edward was living in St. Thomas, Ai's ship docked there (as it did every two weeks), and the two went to lunch. "I thought it was a friendly lunch. When he took me back to the ship, he came to kiss me and I gave him my lips," Ai said. The two will marry Jan. 17 or 18 ("depending on paperwork") on Turks and Caicos, with just the "beach, me, her and the minister," Edward said. "Oh, and paid hotel staff to act as witnesses." They're telling their families by mailing them a copy of this newspaper.

Edward, 44, is an international adviser/trainer for cruise ships and airlines. Ai, 30, is a purser for Royal Caribbean. After they marry, they will live in Tokyo, Japan.



Scott Homa, Jessica Walter

Scott, 26, is a research analyst at Jones Lang LaSalle. Jessica, 24, is an operations manager at Callahan & Associates. They live in Washington.

■ **The Main Event:** A semiformal event for 200 guests in Georgetown on Nov. 10.

■ **How They Met:** At work. "We literally sat about 5 yards apart and we didn't even talk until we had been working there for several months," Scott said.

■ **First Date:** Dinner at J. Paul's in Georgetown. "We had crab cake sandwiches and Guinness," Jessica said.

■ **How He Proposed:** After a dinner at Citronelle, they took a walk to Washington Harbor, where Scott got down on one knee.

"We'll have just as much fun [as] if we rented a castle like Tom Cruise," Scott said.

■ **Pet Names:** "Cheetah, because one of our first dates was to see the baby cheetahs at the National Zoo," Jessica said.

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "Probably the one about me complaining that she uses the pet name she has for me in front of strangers," Scott said.

■ **When She Knew:** "When we saw a shooting star out on the water together, about five months after we started dating."

■ **Making It Unique:** Friends from a choir in which Jessica used to sing will provide the music.

Muslimah 'Ali, Tariq Najee-ullah

Muslimah, 26, is a Ph.D. candidate in anatomy at Howard University. Tariq, 28, is a project manager for I Can't We Can, a substance-abuse recovery program. They will live in Baltimore after they marry.

■ **The Main Event:** A semiformal outdoor Muslim ceremony for 200 to 250 guests in Savannah, Ga., on May 27.

■ **How They Met:** "We initially met in December of 2005 at a dinner, but our courtship didn't start then. It wasn't until we both attended a religious conference in Chicago in October of 2006 that Tariq expressed an interest and we began our courtship," Muslimah said.

■ **First Date:** They saw "The Departed," then went to a banquet celebrating Eid al-Fitr, then went back to the theater to see "Running With Scissors."

■ **How He Proposed:** In the car, driving back from a wedding in Atlanta. "I wanted to wait for the engagement ring and the perfect time, but I couldn't help but ask her right then and there!" Tariq said.

■ **When He Knew:** "From the beginning of our courtship, I felt a very strong spiritual connection," Tariq said. "After a few dates and her meeting my parents, there was no question."

■ **The Dress:** A custom-designed ivory lace gown.

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** The couple will walk down the aisle to a Quranic recitation. "In addition, the part of the ceremony from 'Do you Muslimah take Tariq? ...' to 'I do' has to be repeated three times," Muslimah said. "That way you are absolutely, positively, without-a-doubt sure!"

Getting Married? If you'd like to see your wedding or commitment ceremony in B.I.O., send your favorite informal photograph (wacky is fine, but please don't send a formal engagement shot), plus your names, contact information and the ceremony date to weddings@readexpress.com. We'll contact you with some questions as your big day approaches.

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How to Play

The rules of Samurai Sudoku are the same as in the popular Sudoku puzzles that appear in Express and The Washington Post.

As with standard Sudoku, the Samurai version requires no math, just logic, reasoning ... and an iron will. The goal is to fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles.

A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another. As always, there's only one solution, which will appear in next week's edition of Weekend Styles.

Can't get enough Sudoku? Find a standard Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section every Monday through Saturday.

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